



# Troutlines

## Save these dates...

In the upcoming months Basil Woods will hold these three major events that you will not want to miss!

**JANUARY 17th:** Our chapter meeting (at SPNHF, 54 Portsmouth Ave. Concord), will feature Rick Little as our speaker. If you have ever wondered about hooking one of those hard-fighting stripers don't miss his presentation — *Saltwater Fly Fishing... Lessons Learned*. Rick will help us take our fresh water knowledge and skills and apply them to the saltwater experience. We'll learn helpful tips on using these skills and exploring the New England coastal waters. Rick's past presentations have been very well received and no doubt this one will be the same. (cont. p 3)

*Above: Kat Crowley, our 2018 Warner River Watershed Project Intern from Plymouth State University teaching girls about macroinvertebrates at the Elkins Lake-a-Thon event on Pleasant Lake; Right: Angus giving knot lessons at the NH TU 2018 Youth Trout Camp.*



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## Upcoming Events!

**1-17-19 Chapter Meeting**  
Rick Little: *Saltwater Fly Fishing - Lessons Learned*

**2-21-19 Chapter Meeting**  
Angus Boezeman: *Techniques - What to Use and When to Use it!*

**3-16-19 31st Annual Conservation Banquet**

BASIL WOODS TROUT UNLIMITED PRESENTS:

# RICK LITTLE:

## Saltwater Fly Fishing - Lessons Learned

**JANUARY 17TH**  
6PM PIZZA SOCIAL  
7PM PROGRAMS BEGIN

FOREST SOCIETY  
54 PORTSMOUTH ST, CONCORD

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### About Us

We are a passionate group of anglers and conservationists in the Concord area committed to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. We all love to fish - but we also know that good fishing requires viable, healthy ecosystems. Last year our Chapter donated \$6,750 toward these efforts. Members and local volunteers contributed over 2,700 volunteer hours to our local and greater NH watersheds. Read more about us and what we do [here](#).

## President's Letter



Well, here we are - 2019 already! With Christmas and the New Year in the rear view mirror, we can look forward to some great Basil Woods activities and of course the start of fishing season. From now through May we have one or more activities scheduled (check the Upcoming Events column), with some great speakers scheduled for our chapter meetings.

Opportunities for volunteer work slack off during winter, but by mid- April our youth activities pick up and other "get your hands dirty" type of activities will undoubtedly pick up in the summer. Check Basil Woods' website, [concordtu.org](http://concordtu.org), for updates.

This past fall we made some communication decisions based on costs, volunteer time, and member responses. In the past few years we have mailed out monthly newsletters and sent emails to members. The monthly newsletters, which were well received, have simply become too cumbersome based on the time and effort required to produce them. In their stead we decided to mail out postcards announcing monthly meetings and to produce a periodic newsletter. Hang the cards on your fridges- they are colorful and act as a great reminder.

Emails to members have been largely unsuccessful, for a variety of reasons, in relay-

ing information and/or generating interest in our various activities. Consequently, we will generally not rely on them to get new information to our members, but may use them to send "reminders." The best way to keep abreast of chapter activities is to regularly visit our website [concordtu.org](http://concordtu.org). There you will find information on a variety of topics including upcoming activities, updates and changes to same, and general information on contacting us.

Our 2018 participation in NH Charitable Gaming was recently completed and preliminary results indicate that it will be one of our top fund raisers, as it has been for the past 10 years. Our other major fund raiser, the annual banquet, will be on March 16th this year and work by the Banquet Committee has already begun. Preliminary information regarding the banquet can be found in this newsletter and on our website with additional information available coming soon. Remember, this is a major fund raiser for our chapter and your participation helps us continue the great work that we do.

As Spring approaches and another year has flown by (it is amazing how fast they go the older I get!) I look forward to my annual March, April, and May fishing trips; steelhead, bonefish, and stripers respectively. Local trips will be sprinkled in throughout the year and yes, I do know I'm lucky. But who knows what the future will bring, it could be 20 more years of trips or it could be all over tomorrow (hopefully after I get this newsletter done!). So in closing, I wish you a happy, healthy, and fishy 2019 and remember..... take more trips!

Richard

## In Memoriam

Ray Matott, a long time avid fly fisherman and friend of our chapter, passed away on October 22, 2018. Ray lived in Chichester, took fly-tying lessons through our chapter, and with his flies and rod in hand pursued the wily trout. Our condolences go out to Ray's family and friends along with our thanks for their generous donations in his memory.

## Save these dates (cont)

**FEBRUARY 21st:** Our chapter meeting (at SPNHF) will host our own Angus Boezeman, well known for his guiding and fly tying expertise, who will speak on Techniques - what to use and when to use it. Techniques that not only work on the upper Connecticut River but can be applied most anywhere. Angus will show us what works for him and answer our questions. This will be a skill builder- don't miss it!

**MARCH 16th:** Basil Woods will hold our 31st annual fund-raising banquet. In recent years our costs have risen substantially so we are going to change things a bit: a new location (the Bow Community Building, 3 Bow Center Rd, Bow), some of our regular fun activities with some new ones added, a catered meal — all at a reduced cost! So save the date and bring the kids, grand kids, or any kid and have some fun. Stay tuned for updates and check our website [concordtu.org](http://concordtu.org).

Richard

## Banquet Donations

March 16th is our annual fund-raising banquet and money raised at this event allows our chapter to donate to, and participate in, many worthwhile projects. Every year the banquet committee spends considerable time and money accumulating items for the various raffles and auctions at the banquet. And every year chapter members donate various items to help in this endeavor. Donations, of course, help with the "bottom line" - the less we have to spend the more money we raise. So consider helping us out and take a look around in your closets and basement. If you are like most of us, you have rods, reels, equipment, fly-tying materials, etc. that have not seen the water in years! Please think about donating your extra **GOOD STUFF**. We'll put it to good use either in our raffles, teaching programs, or in our youth programs. You'll feel good and get a tax deduction! Email or call me and we'll make it happen.

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## Youth Programs Update

This past year Basil Woods' members have been actively involved in many different programs aimed at introducing, educating, and entertaining youth in all aspects of cold water ecology, conservation, and fishing. These events included the Lebanon Watershed Conference (eleven 4th grade classes!), Youth Fishing Day, Discover Wild NH Day, Trinity Baptist Church event, Concord Library fly tying class, Beech Hill School Field Day, Warner Book Store Fly Tying, Hopkinton Fair outreach, and Trout in the Classroom.

For about thirty years Basil Woods has sponsored Youth Fishing Day in April at Merrill Park Pond in Concord. Thousands of area kids, including a current TU National employee, have had their early, and likely first-time fishing experience at this event. Come rain or shine over 100 kids and parents show up to catch fish and eat a hot dog. Usually all the kids catch a fish of two and the smiles on their faces warms the heart.

Trout in the Classroom is a nation-wide program and Basil Woods is actively involved with 10 different schools participating. The program, in collaboration with NH F&G, continues to grow in size with our recent purchase of two new chillers for two local schools- at a cost of \$1800. Our members provide coordination and support to the classroom teachers as well as the repair of malfunctioning equipment.

Lastly and certainly not least is the NH Trout Camp. Run by the state TU Council, Basil Woods is a very active supporter and participant providing money, equipment, and people to help run the camp. This coming summer, Trout Camp will see some major changes, so stay tuned to [concordtu.org](http://concordtu.org) for more information. Basil Woods typically encourages several youth (female or male, 13-17 yrs) to participate and this year we will be hoping to get 3 or 4 "campers" involved. The registration deadline will be in March, so if you know any students who may be interested (trust me they will love it if our past experiences are any indication) contact us. (cont p5)

## NH TU Council Update

Greetings Basil Woods Members,

Spring 2019 is coming and the allure of fishing is growing. NHTU had a busy summer starting with the regional TU meeting in Lake Placid, NY. Those of you that have attended a regional meeting or had the pleasure of going to the national TU conference will agree that they are full of inspiring seminars, fun-filled evenings, and maybe some good fishing. These meetings provide us with the opportunity to connect with other like-minded individuals from the different states around us. Common goals are discussed along with some ideas to solve some of the problems we all face. We meet old friends and make some new ones. Attending these meetings brings us together and unites us to face common goals.

In September the Council held, along with help from several TU chapters including Basil Woods and co-sponsored by the Schilling Brewery, the Second Annual Fly Fishing Celebration in Littleton, NH. This started when the Ammonoosuc Chapter was approached by the Schilling Brewery regarding holding an event to honor the owner's grandfather, Dr. Schilling, who was an avid fly fisherman. It was thought that a day on the water would be a fitting way to honor his life. This year it was decided that the NH State TU Council would take over the event. The thinking was that because the event supports the State-run TU Youth Trout Camp, the entire state should be involved. It was a beautiful day and a successful fund raiser for our Trout Camp.

Please join me and help support the State Council along with the different NH TU Chapters this year in all our activities.

Tom Ives  
NHTU Council Chair

PS. Be sure to check out our new website at [nhtucouncil.org](http://nhtucouncil.org)!

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## Newsletter Information

Troutlines is published periodically by the Board and is available for download on our website newsletter page here: [concordtu.org/newsletters](http://concordtu.org/newsletters).

We send email notices announcing the latest issue is available to those chapter members who have provided email address to TU national. We also announce the current issue is available on our Facebook page and with our new post-card campaign.

Please contact us via our website if you wish to be on our non-member newsletter email list.

If you have an article and/or pictures to submit for Troutlines, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at: [concordtu@yahoo.com](mailto:concordtu@yahoo.com).

## January 2019



Above: Phil Donovan and the 2018 NH TU Trout Camp crew.

Our participation in these various programs will continue in the coming year and to be successful we will need the continued support of our members. So, if you have an in-

terest in helping out, either with a donation or your time, please let us know.

Richard

BASIL WOODS TROUT UNLIMITED & CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT:

### FLY FISHING 101

WEDNESDAYS 6 - 7:30 PM  
February 13 - March 6, 2019  
CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

learn more at [concordtu.org](http://concordtu.org)  
LIMITED SPACE! REGISTER AT:  
[concordpubliclibrary.net/registration](http://concordpubliclibrary.net/registration)

## New Basil Woods TU Fly Fishing 101 Classes!

If you have always wanted to be a fly fisher, or know someone who wants to, here is your chance! Basil Woods TU will host a series of four Wednesday night classes starting February 13th at the Concord Public Library. Two additional dates and locales for casting instruction will also be held.

Our expert fishermen / instructors will cover the basics - rods, reels, lines, leaders, knots, flies, accessory equipment, and of course casting. We'll get you started in the world of fly fishing. All class equipment will be provided- all you need to bring is your desire to learn. AND best of all it's FREE. Class size is limited to 12, so stay tuned for our announcement that registration is open!

## Chapter Calendar

- 1-07-19 Banquet Committee
- 1-14-19 Banquet Committee
- 1-17-19 Chapter Meeting  
**Rick Little: Saltwater Fly Fishing - Lessons Learned**
- 1-21-19 Banquet Committee
- 1-28-19 Banquet Committee
- 2-04-19 Banquet Committee
- 2-07-19 Board Meeting
- 2-11-19 Banquet Committee
- 2-13-19 Fly Fishing 101
- 2-18-19 Banquet Committee
- 2-20-19 Fly Fishing 101
- 2-21-19 Chapter Meeting  
**Angus Boezeman - Technique!**
- 2-25-19 Banquet Committee
- 2-27-19 Fly Fishing 101
- 3-04-19 Banquet Committee
- 3-06-19 Fly Fishing 101
- 3-07-19 Board Meeting
- 3-11-19 Banquet Committee
- 3-16-19 31st Annual  
**Conservation Banquet: Save the Date!**

**CHAPTER Meetings** begin at 6pm with Social Hour, Raffle & Pizza; Speaker programs begin at 7pm. At SPNHF, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, unless posted otherwise. All are welcome!

**Board Meetings** begin at 6 pm at Szechuan Garden, 108 Fisherville Rd, Concord. All are welcome!

For more events, [please visit our website](http://concordtu.org).