



# THE BACKCAST

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Trout Unlimited, SE Mass Chapter 241

September 2017

**Next Meeting:** : September 12th at the Mitchell Club (29 Elm St.) Middleborough MA, Doors open at 6:00PM for fly tying, General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM and, as always, admission is free.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Jim Augenti**

Greetings Everyone,

We look forward to seeing more of you with the start of our fall meetings. I hope that we all have a few good fish tales to share, and are able to network some trips in the coming months.

Fall is the glory of New England with saltwater migrations offering opportunities for “semi-exotic” species like False Albacore, Bonito, and Spanish Mackerel as well as Stripers gorging for their trek south. Fall Trout can be caught on terrestrial imitations, amid foliage that mirrors a Brook Trout spawning colors. If you haven't got your fishing fix in for 2017, get it now!

Our September speaker, Steve Culton, is a respected guide, and writer from Connecticut. Steve has a blog, “Current Seams”, that you can check out to get a feel for his talent and style. He will be doing a presentation on ‘The Little Things’ that make a fisherman move into that 10% that catches 90% of the fish.

He comes highly recommended from Rick Robinson, as passionate a fisherman that you are likely to find! Rick has taken over as our new entertainment chair, and he has numerous contacts that he is lining up for a great upcoming roster of speakers. Please support Rick by offering suggestions of your own, and by getting to more meetings - and hopefully bring a friend!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th, and have a go at the \$50.00 Dicks Sporting Goods gift card Door Prize!

All the Best,  
Jim Augenti

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## SPEAKERS WANTED

Each month the chapter invites a speaker to do a presentation at the monthly meeting. We are always looking for new speakers and new ideas. If you would like to recommend a speaker that would be appropriate for a chapter meeting, or if you as a member have something to present at a monthly meeting, please contact Joe Danubio at [jdanubio3@yahoo.com](mailto:jdanubio3@yahoo.com).

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 12, 2017

### Steve Culton

They say that 10% of the anglers catch 90% of the fish. If that's true, it's not because those 10% are supernaturally gifted angling demigods. It's not because they are lucky. It's because they do a lot of little things that other anglers don't. That philosophy forms the core of Steve Culton's presentation *The Little Things* – seemingly insignificant practices that can make a big difference in your fishing. “When I'm on the water, I adhere to certain core principles. But I also make adjustments and try new approaches,” says Steve. “That's what *The Little Things* is all about.”

Steve Culton is a fly fishing guide, instructor, speaker, fly tyer, and writer. His work has appeared in *Field & Stream*, *American Angler*, *The Flyfish Journal*, *The Drake*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Fly Rod & Reel Online*, and *Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*. Steve likes to fish when, where, and how most other people don't. You can see more of his work on his website, [currentseams.com](http://currentseams.com).

#### ***Just as an added enticement to come to the September meeting:***

The Door Prize for the September 2017 meeting will be a \$50. Gift Card for Dick's Sporting Goods

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#### **VETERAN'S FLY TYING**

#### **BROCKTON V.A. HOSPITAL**

Members of our chapter and Project Healing Waters meet with the veterans the third Wed. of every month for fly tying at 5:30p.m. Building #4, Brockton V.A. Hospital. All are welcome. The address for the Brockton V.A. Hospital is 940 Belmont St. Brockton. That is route 123 just off route 24.

On Sat. Sept 30 Project Healing Waters will be holding a fundraiser and informational day at the Bears Den in Taunton. 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. It is called HEALING SATURDAY and is being held at fly shops across the country. There will be noted fly tyers and fly casters. Our own Sheila Hassan will be there for fly casting instruction. This event will raise funds to support our fly tying at the V.A. Hospital; fishing outings and guided trips for the disabled veterans. Scott and Sarah Wessels have generously offered their facility to us for the afternoon. Please come down and support our mission. Bring along a veteran even if they aren't a fly fisherman. Check out the beautiful Bears Den shop while you are there. I hope to see you all there. Thank You! Jim Clinton

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## OVERDUE DVDs

If you have had a DVD from our library for a while, please return it so that others can view it. Contact Jim Augenti (SEMASS TU Team Roster) to make arrangements to return if you can't make a meeting. Thanks.

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## A New Class – Rod Repair

If you have a broken fishing rod, bring it with you to the September meeting. I will take a look at it and tell what will be needed to repair it. I am hoping that, if there is enough interest I will book a room at Sachum Rock Senior Center in East Bridgewater for a couple of nights and everyone how to repair their rods.

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## PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for photos or videos of any and all TU gatherings over the past year or so. We would like to create a presentation of “A Year in Review” of all of our events. If you have any photos that you would be willing to share please email them to me at:

[larry.cook205@gmail.com](mailto:larry.cook205@gmail.com)

The Board of Directors have discussed this as a good idea for a May meeting in the future.

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## Environmental News

### Westport River Stream Team Update and Work Party Schedule

*Work party are scheduled for:*

October 7

November 4

December 2

All of these dates are Saturdays.

Call John Kokoszka to confirm.

We meet at the Brookside Conservation Area on Rt. 177 in Westport at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome. For the up to date information of Westport visit the Chapter website [www.southeastmasstu.com](http://www.southeastmasstu.com).

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*The following is letter received by Jim Augenti from George Costello's Brother*

Hi Jim

I'm not sure if you know my brother, George Costello. He was quite active in Trout Unlimited and Falmouth Fisherman's Assoc until a few years ago. He moved off Cape to be closer to family and was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's.

I'm trying to track down any and all former fishing buddies of his because he asked me to set up a team to fundraise for a cure and we are doing a walk on September 16, info below. Any help you can provide in spreading the word among both organizations is appreciated. George doesn't drive anymore and misses fishing a lot. I will be trying to get him back to the Cape to do some fishing soon.

[http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2017/MA-MassachusettsNewHampshire?team\\_id=429940&pg=team&fr\\_id=10475](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2017/MA-MassachusettsNewHampshire?team_id=429940&pg=team&fr_id=10475)

Regards and thanks,

Steve Costello

*If you remember George Costello please take a look at this link and either sign-up for the walk or Just make a donation.*

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*Happy Fall!*



**Directions to our monthly meetings:**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month September to May; 6 PM Fly Tying 7:30 PM Meeting Admission is free and visitors are always welcome. We meet at the Mitchell Memorial Club is near the intersection of routes 28 and 105 in Middleboro. It is also near exit 4 on route 495. From Route 495, head toward Middleboro. Take a left at the lights. If you are coming from Middleboro center, take a right at the lights. The Mitchell Club is a white building that is 1/8 of a mile on the right (29 Elm Street) from that intersection. If you cross the RR tracks, you have passed it.