January at L.I.T.U is just the start of a busy schedule for us. First, we celebrate the New Year, and then it is right into final preparations for what is becoming our annual “Special Guest Speaker Night”. And, that same weekend we have the Somerset Fly Fishing show to go to.

As we all know, this year we had well known author, fly tyer and fly fishing “personality” A. K. Best as our Special Guest Speaker. For those of you who missed it, A. K.’s presentation was titled “Three Rivers, Three Flies”. The presentation was about his three favorite rivers and his three favorite fly’s (could you have guessed!?). It was loaded with information about the St. Vrain, the Frying Pan and the North Platte rivers in Colorado. My personal favorite was the St. Vrain. It looked like just THE type of water I enjoy fishing. The photography of these rivers was outstanding.

The fly tying portions of the presentation were also exceptional. Not being much of a tyer myself, the laid back, relaxed way A.K described parts of the recipe’s certainly made it easier to understand.

I felt A. K. came across to all of us as just the knowledgeable, humble guy that he really is. A. K. is truly a nice guy and he immediately makes you feel as if you’ve known him for years. I thank him sincerely for a good program that we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Another thing which I thoroughly enjoyed was seeing A LOT more faces than usual at one of our meetings. It was great to see people I haven’t seen in quite a while and also to see a number of new faces. It sure would be nice to see these new faces at more meetings!

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And much more
By Boyd Shockley

This exciting event starts with a cocktail hour including free cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. During the cocktail hour, all the exciting raffle, Verbal Auction and Silent Auction prizes will be on display for the attendees to check out. Some of the many prizes include brand-name fly rods and reels, and other brand-name tackle, Orvis apparel and luggage, artwork, handcrafted trout net, jewelry and many other surprises. At the same time, the attendees can purchase tickets for the Bucket Raffles or any of the other Special Raffles such as the 50/50 Card Raffle, the Balloon Raffle, the Dart Game, and the Super Squares Game. They can also start placing bids on the any of the Silent Auction prizes. Following the cocktail hour, a full dinner will be served including appetizer, salad, and choice of a beef, chicken, or fish entree, dessert and coffee. Between dinner courses, the winning tickets will be pulled for the various raffle prizes. During and after dinner, the various groups of prizes in the Silent Auction will be auctioned. After dinner, all the Verbal Auction items will be up for sale to the highest bidder. Tickets are $60.00 per person and can be ordered by completing the Banquet Ticket Request Form and mailing it, with payment, to the address listed on the form. If you buy your tickets early, (postmarked no later than March 13, 2010) you will get a bonus, an entry into the Early Bird Raffle. The banquet is a great time to have some fun and take home wonderful and unusual items, many one of a kind. It’s a time to take pride and feel good about your part in participating in a conservation effort. Come with a friend, loved one, or even alone. You’re bound to meet some old friends or make new ones. You’re guaranteed to have a great evening. Be a part of the Long island conservation effort. The email address for LITU is listed below. Just click on the Banquet banner on the right side and you will see this same article with a link to the form.
I would personally like to offer a big congratulation to both Boyd Shockley and Bob Lutz. Bob is the immediate past president and Boyd was the president just before Bob. Boyd won a really sweet Albright rod and reel combo, and Bob won the “Grand Prize” of a beautiful Sage rod and Orvis BBS reel. I couldn’t have hoped for two better guys, in particular, my two immediate predecessors to win the top two prizes. In fact, it was great to see ALL the winners of all the great prizes we had that night.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who enjoyed the program for coming down and joining us, and also helping in supporting us.

I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting as we have our own Pete Dubno and John Fischer share some of their steelhead fishing experiences and memories with us.

Until then, let’s all remember to do what we can to Educate, Protect, Conserve, and Restore!

Best Fishes,

Jay Mooney
**Don’t Miss Out Sale**

Bob and Bobby Maass are having a FlyTying Materials/Rods/Reels plus books (many 1st Edition) sale at their home. Bob handpicked these items and you know he knew how to buy them!

Date: Sat. March 20th, 2010

Circle this date on your calendar

Location: 5 Sandra Ct., Glen Cove

Time: 9:30 AM til 2 PM

If you need some decent materials at a phenomenal price I would be there as soon as it starts No early birds or early viewing. Please NO Calls for details. There will be Metz Necks. Salmon fly feathers, Hooks, Wood Duck, Golden & Silver pheasant skins, Hardy Reels, too many items to list, respectful buyers only.

Directions: From the LIE and Glen Cove Rd Take Glen Cove Rd north 4.3 miles to Pound Hollow Rd. Make a right onto Pound Hollow Rd and go .9 mile to the end and turn left onto Brookville Lane and follow the road until it ends at Frost Pond Road. Turn right onto Frost Pond Rd. Make a left turn onto Viola drive and proceed 2 blocks to Sandra Ct. Turn left into Sandra Ct (it is a cul de sac) the number of the house is 5 Sandra Ct. Call Peter Dubno at 516-764-0412 for more information
Conservation Highlights

By Chris Wood, TU National

TU Legal Victory Prevents Water Grab

Trout Unlimited recently won an important Colorado Supreme Court case that reaffirmed that municipalities can’t claim more water than they reasonably need for future water projects—a decision that will help protect streamflows and trout habitat in the state’s rivers.

In the case, the Court ruled that Pagosa Springs area water districts had not sufficiently demonstrated a need for the amount of water they claimed for the proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir, based on projected population growth and water availability over a 50-year planning period. TU was concerned that the water districts’ excessive claims from the San Juan River could lower streamflows and hurt trout populations in the river.

Calif. TU Volunteer Named Field &Stream's Conservation Hero of the Year

Longtime TU volunteer, Howard Kern, of Westlake Village, Calif., was named Field &Stream magazine’s 2009 Conservation Hero of the Year. Kern, one of six Field &Stream Heroes of Conservation finalists, was presented with the award in Washington, D.C. in October. In addition to a $5,000 grant that was awarded to each of the finalists, Kern won a new Toyota Tundra. An active member since 1989, Kern has worked on TU projects in his local area of Los Angeles as well as in the Golden Trout Wilderness in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains. He has served on TU’s California state council since 1999 and has represented TU as a member of the management committee for the Southern California Steelhead Coalition.

Trout Unlimited Announces Succession Plan

By Erin Mooney TU national

Chris Wood named CEO of nation’s largest cold-water conservation organization

Arlington, Va.--Trout Unlimited (TU), the nation's leading coldwater fisheries conservation organization, announced that Chris Wood, currently TU's Chief Operating Officer, will become Chief Executive Officer on February 1. He will succeed Charles Gauvin, who has been TU's CEO since 1991.

Trout Unlimited's board of trustees approved the succession plan at its meeting last week in Washington, D.C. The goal of the succession plan is to ensure that TU continues to execute its mission of protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds.

"Charles Gauvin and Chris Wood are two of the nation's finest conservation leaders," said Oakleigh Thorne, chair of TU's board of trustees. "It is a testament to the organization's strength that we can select a new leader from within the staff and not have to look outside," Thorne said.

Gauvin will join TU's board of trustees and will serve as senior counsel.

"TU is the nation's most effective conservation organization," Gauvin said. Its work in securing water flows, organizing sportsmen to protect public lands, and restoring degraded river systems is without peer, and I am proud of the role I played over the past two decades in helping to build it into what it is today." When Gauvin was named CEO in 1991 at the age of 34, TU's budget was $2.5 million and it had approximately 50,000 members. There was just one staff person who worked on conservation issues. Under Gauvin's leadership, the organization has grown to 140,000 members with an operating budget in excess of $26 million and a professional staff of over 130.

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Thorne said, "Charles Gauvin built TU into the conservation powerhouse that it is today. The board, the membership and the staff owe him an extraordinary debt of gratitude for his work and service."

Wood came to TU in 2001 after serving as the senior policy and communications advisor to U.S. Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck during the Clinton administration. Since arriving at TU, Wood has helped form partnerships to clean up abandoned mines with companies such as Tiffany&Co. and worked with various sportsmen organizations to protect iconic landscapes such as the Wyoming Range and Idaho's backcountry roadless areas.

Wood graduated from Middlebury College and lives and coaches Little League baseball in Washington D.C. He and his wife, Betsy, have three sons, Wylie, Casey and Henry Trace.

"I will continue to work with Chris by helping raise resources for key elements of the TU strategic plan," said Gauvin. "Chris played a leading role in developing the plan and positioning TU for the growth required to implement the plan. I'm pleased that I will be able to play a supporting role as Chris prepares to take TU to the next level," Gauvin stated.

Fresh or Salt, makes no difference. If you donate 6 Saltwater Flies or 12 Freshwater Flies, we will enter your name in a raffle to be held at our May General Meeting. If your name is picked, you will win an Albright Reel. Double your chances of winning by doubling your donation. You need not be present to win. Please give the flies to anyone on our Board of Directors at our monthly meeting. So far we have 15 dozen flies. Contact Jay Mooney if you have questions. THANK YOU!

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Want to get involved but don't know how? We will do our best to help you get started. You'll be informed about when and where we hold our meetings, what we discuss at these meetings, committees which could use your help, and we'll even take you to a stream where we'll fish together. Please contact Peter Harris for more info.

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This month's meeting is being held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010!!!

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A.K. Best and L.I.T.U. friends after his presentation at the January meeting
SPECIAL RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NYSCTU CONSERVATION FUND

The New York State Council is raffling off an outstanding rod, along with additional prizes. Raffles are $5.00 each or 3 for $10 or 10 for $20.00.

Prize #1: A Sage ZXL 590-4 (9’ 5wt 4pc.) Fly rod

Prize #2: A three day - two night stay for two at the West Branch Angler Resort during off peak season (April thru June 30th). Any time after July 1st, 2009

Prize #3: Flies of New York – An assortment of flies, tied & donated by fellow TU members from across NY State.

Proceeds from this year’s raffle will benefit the NYSCTU Conservation Fund. Help support the fund that gives back to chapters, providing financial assistance for projects on our home waters.

The drawing will be held at the June NYSCTU General Meeting on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 held in Lake Placid. Tickets will be available at the next three Council meetings (September, November and June) or you can purchase them through Longcasts via mail by sending a check and this coupon to:

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