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Happy New Year 2008!

## Start Your Augers!



George goofed and forgot to award Instructor **RICHARD GATEWOOD** (right) his 10-year jacket until his 11th year. So, **JUSTIN** gave Rich a DEP Inland Fisheries hat along with his jacket last month.

The winter is upon us! The DEP website now boasts no fewer than 9 Family Ice Fishing class meetings across Connecticut. This includes a new 2-evening version of the course in Stamford. All this leads up to the **2008 Family Ice Fishing Derby** in Coventry on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. It appears that we will have safe ice for the first time in three years if today is any indication. There has been safe ice in Litchfield County since December 5<sup>th</sup>. That is the earliest that many of us can remember it in our lifetimes!

**DIANNE GRENIER** recruited **JEFF CARLSON** to host an *Ice Fishing in Connecticut* TV show recorded at the Community Voice Channel in Bolton Notch last week. Yours truly was interviewed with the show scheduled to air many times before January classes and Derby. Dianne also hopes to get the show aired on other local access channels across the state to stimulate

interest in classes across Connecticut. Dianne and I are also scheduled for the **WAYNE NORMAN** radio show next month on WILI in Willimantic. We'll promote the Derby and classes on radio too!

CARE New Instructor training is scheduled, as always, for the first Saturday in February. For 2008, that is February, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact **TOM** if you are interested and please alert friends and family that this is their opportunity to join us in 2008. To support **TIM BARRY's** *Urban Fishing* project at Keney Park Pond, we will offer the training in Hartford this year.

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Details and a flyer on the Family Ice Fishing Derby appear inside. Please post it somewhere in your community where families will see it. We hope to have a record turnout this year with cancellations due to warm weather the past 2 years. ***Please join us in Coventry on the morning of January 26<sup>th</sup> to help. We need lots of hands to rig and distribute gear, help students drill holes and to assist when the alert "flag up!" gets them running to their tip-ups!***

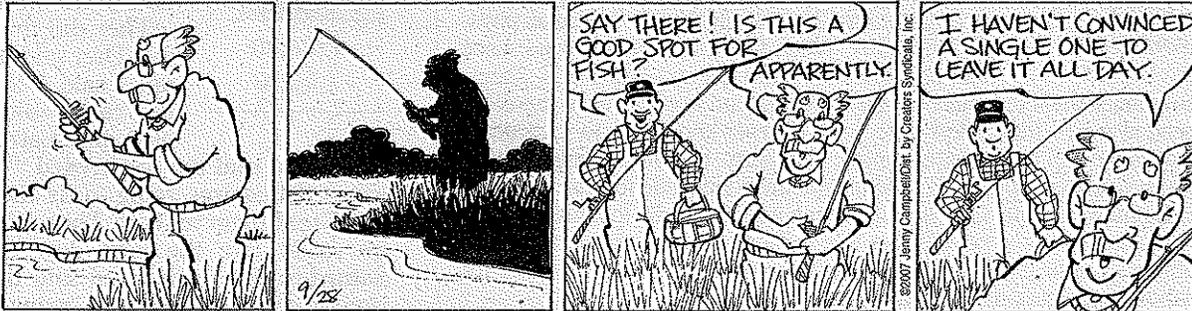
We hope to see you at an upcoming Family Ice Fishing class soon. They are more fun when we get to see you lending a hand! Tom, Justin, Dianne and George wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy 2008! Enjoy some time with your family and friends!

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# Upcoming Classes

<i>Status</i>	<i>Class Dates</i>	<i>Chief Instructor</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Class Times</i>	<i>Instructor #</i>
OPEN	JAN 4, 2008	GRACE JACOBSON	POMFRET	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 974-2773
OPEN	JAN 5, 2008	SUE QUINCY	DERBY	2:00PM TO 4:00PM	(860) 736-6067
OPEN	JAN 9, 2008	TONY NORTON	BRISTOL	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 940-8289
OPEN	JAN 14 AND 15, 2008	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(203) 357-7505
OPEN	JAN 16, 23, 30, 2008	GENE ROBIDA	CHESTER	3:30PM TO 4:30PM	
OPEN	JAN 16, 2008	TOM BOURRET	WALLINGFORD	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 663-1656
OPEN	JAN 17, 2008	HARRY COYLE	NEW HAVEN	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(203) 946-8028
OPEN	JAN 19, 2008	DIANNE GRENIER	ANDOVER	9:30AM TO 12:00PM	(860) 742-3033
OPEN	JAN 22, 2008	JEFF ROGALA	COVENTRY	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 872-7834
OPEN	JAN 26, 2008	JUSTIN WIGGINS	COVENTRY	8:00AM TO 11:00AM	(860) 663-1656
OPEN	FEB 2, 2008	JUSTIN WIGGINS	KILLINGWORTH	10:00AM TO 3:00PM	(860) 663-1656

**FLO & FRIENDS** by Jenny Campbell



**THE PHANTOM** by George Olesen and Graham Nolan



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# **Family Ice Fishing Derby**

**January 26, 2008**

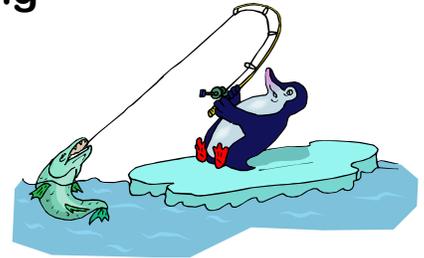
**8:00am – 11:00am**

**Lake Wangumbaug (Coventry Lake)**

**Patriot's Park Community Center, Lake Street, Coventry**

## ***Free Family Fishing Fun***

- Free ~ No Charge
- Hands-on introduction to the sport of Ice Fishing
- Certified DEP Fisheries instructors to assist
- Ice Fishing equipment available to borrow
- Bring your own or bait available
- Warm-up lodge with coffee, donuts and hot chocolate
- Children and adults are invited to join the fun
- Prizes for children 15 years old and under
- Fishing License required for those 16 years and older, including parents. (Available at Town Clerk's office and most fishing tackle shops)
- Dress for cold weather. Winter coat, hat, gloves, warm socks and waterproof boots. Sneakers are not recommended.
- Bring your skates, sleds, footballs, family and friends for a fun filled morning of ice fishing.



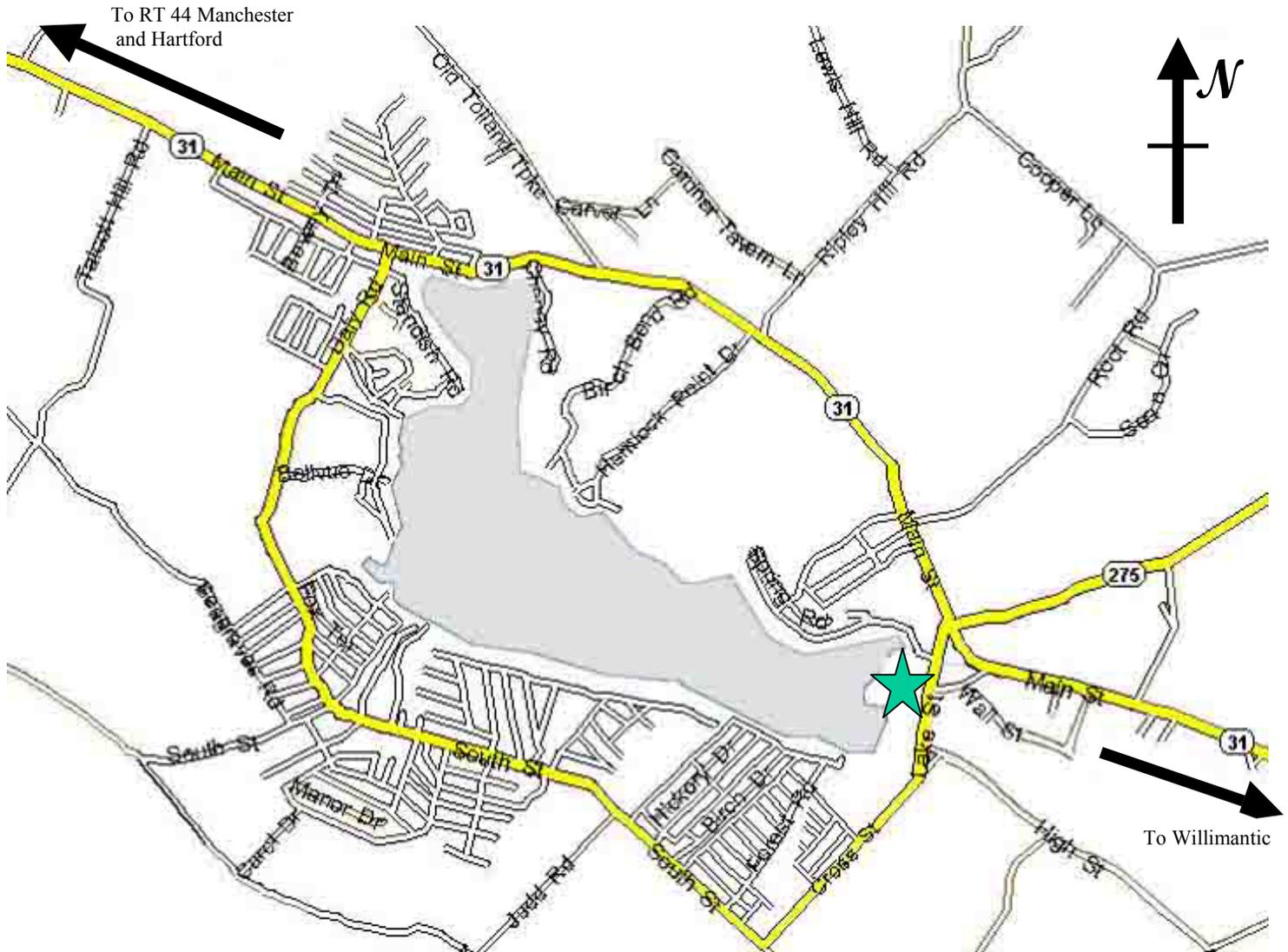
**For more information call DEP Fisheries Division: (860) 424-FISH**

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# Family Ice Fishing Derby

Lake Wangumbaug (Coventry Lake)

Patriot's Park Community Center, Lake Street



## From Hartford/Manchester:

- RT 384 becomes RT 6/RT 44, go 4 miles
- Turn right onto RT 31 south (Main St.), go 4 miles
- Turn right onto Lake St. from RT 31 (Main St.)
- Patriot's Park is ~ 500yds. on right

## From Willimantic:

- At US 6/RT 32 (Stafford Rd.), go 1.5 miles NW on RT 32
- Turn left onto RT 31 N (Main St., Higgins Hwy), go 3 miles
- Turn left onto Lake St. from RT 31 (Main St.)
- Patriot's Park is ~ 500yds. on right

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# High Rock Shooting Association

October 24, 2007

State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection  
Inland Fisheries Division  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

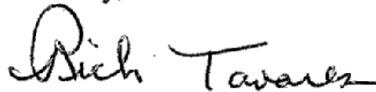
Dear Sir or Madam:

High Rock Shooting Association wishes to sincerely thank the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries Division, for its involvement in the Naugatuck Safety Day on September 23, 2007 at the Naugatuck High School. Community involvement by local businesses and organizations such as yours is what makes Safety Day such a success. The display provided by your department was extremely interesting and well received by all.

Special thanks to John Delaurentis, who was gracious enough to answer a myriad of questions about the Bureau of Natural Resources Fisheries division and specifically about the Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education (CARE) program.

High Rock Shooting Association is looking forward to your continued support in the years to come for this popular event.

Sincerely,



Rich Tavares  
Chairman, Naugatuck Safety Day

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**2008 CARE Certified Instructor and  
*Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs®* Training  
Saturday, February 2, 2008  
Hartford, CT  
9 am – 3 pm**

Sharing your skills and passion for angling and the outdoors is very rewarding. As a team, we have taught over **120,000 students** across the State. Add over 7 million people that have viewed displays created by the Inland and Marine Fisheries Divisions and the impact is more impressive. In fact, ***CARE volunteers have donated the equivalent of \$1.2 million dollars to the DEP over 21 years!***

Here's your chance to join our statewide team of volunteers. To become certified as both a CARE (Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education) Instructor and a *Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs* Instructor, call **TOM BOURRET at (860) 663-1656**. You can call 24 hours/day and leave a message. You must call and pre-register. Once accepted, you will receive a detailed agenda, directions and a VHS tape to review prior to attending the training class.

The training is hands-on, fun and you will have a chance to meet some of the finest volunteers in the State. You'll make new friends while we educate and entertain you. Guest speakers and veteran Instructors will share experiences and provide helpful tips on getting started. ***Don't miss this opportunity to join the over 1,000 volunteers who have taught families across Connecticut about water, fish and fishing!***

# FAMILY ICE FISHING CLASS AGENDA

	Time
Welcome, registration cards and introduction	5 min
<b>Introduction to the CARE program</b>	5 min
Objectives:    learn about water, fish and fishing help you think like a fish have some safe fun	
<b>Ice fishing tackle and methods</b>	
<i>Ice Fishing In Connecticut</i> <b>video</b> & discussion (included at the end are two short video clips for fun)	10 min
<i>Ice Fishing</i> booklet and discussion  clothing and safety <i>CT Angler's Guide</i> , regulations and ethics Augers, tackle and bait Extras (snacks, drinks, sleds)	50 min
<b>BREAK</b> (students can inspect all equipment)	15 min
<b>Winter Pond Ecology</b>	
<i>Lake of Perch-Winter</i> <b>video</b> and discussion	10 min
<b>Fish Identification</b> - display or flash cards	10 min
<i>Surviving a Fall Through the Ice</i> <b>video</b> and discus (on same VHS tape immediately after two short clips mentioned above)	10 min
<b>Local Ice Fishing lakes</b> (details, locations, directions)	10 min
<b>Family Ice Fishing Derby announcement</b>	5 min
<b>Questions and answers</b> as long as students are interested	



**JEFF CARLSON** reviews his notes as **DIANNE GRENIER** adjusts the microphone on **GEORGE** at the Community Voice Channel TV studio in Bolton. The show, *Ice Fishing in Connecticut*, was produced by Dianne and scripted by Jeff. It is our latest effort to let families across the State know about CARE Family Ice Fishing classes and the Family Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for January.

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