



# PERCH TALES

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## Achievements of a Lifetime



New CARE Instructors **DOUG MINEO** and **MIKE MCKENNA** are surrounded by friends and students at the recent *No Child Left Inside* celebration. Trout stocking through the ice was followed by ice fishing, snowshoeing, animal tracking, a bonfire, and an ice rescue demonstration.

We are completing our 2008 annual report and next 5-year plan for the CARE program simultaneously. Both give us pause for thought about achievements past and the work ahead. Over 23 years we have made great strides elevating the quality of CARE activities. If you began in 1987, like **RAY GORSKY**, you remember getting your tackle in a paper bag with my comment, "Good luck with the course!" You've come a long way!

I mention Ray, since he was CARE Instructor #19. As you may know, Ray departed this world a few weeks ago. His **lifetime achievements include helping teach 3,000 people about water, fish and fishing.** A short piece about that appears inside.

Others with exceptional *achievements of a lifetime* are continuing their good works today. Our friend **MITCH PASSERO** of **CTfisherman.com** donated 115 spincast rods to CARE. **DAVE**

**MORDAVSKY** has done the same, donating 45 rods. These wonderful gestures are concrete ways these men have helped improve the lives of families they haven't even met! All accomplished by sharing the joys of fishing. Role models both!

"Welcome!" to our newest class of Certified Instructors. Some have already set up classes! A list of Instructors available to help appears inside. You appear on the list if you have helped over the last 2 years. Chief Instructors seeking help will be calling you. Why not save them the trouble? Look at the list of courses inside and **call them** to offer a hand. **KEEP THE LIST FOR REFERENCE.**

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Many great opportunities to help are just around the corner. One big event, *No Child Left Inside*, is on Saturday, May 9 at Squantz Pond State Park in New Fairfield. CARE Instructors will offer family fishing as an activity. **We need your help. Please call to offer your help! Bring others if you can.**

The look back at 2008 reveals your best combination of students, volunteerism and innovations in our history. As a team, we are poised to have an even better 2009. Look inside for courses already scheduled. The momentum is beginning to build. Jump on board! Opening Day will be upon us before we blink again. **TOM, JUSTIN** and I hope to see you at a CARE course in your town soon!

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## Our Friend Ray

**RAY GORSKY** was a wonderful friend. Even if you hadn't seen him for awhile, he made you feel as if you had visited just the other day. It was that way a few weeks ago when I stopped in.

We started CARE 23 years ago to teach families about water, fish and fishing. We figured it was good for the environment, good for families, and good for businesses like Ray had operated. **Ray's Tackle Shop** had been an oasis for anglers, I am told, for many years in Manchester. **DAVE MORDAVSKY** and **JOE LAFORTE** told me how they depended on their visits to see Ray at his shop. It would relax them and help them unwind from the stresses of everyday hustle and bustle. **Ray's Tackle Shop** was good therapy!

Anyway, Ray volunteered to be in the very first class of volunteer Instructors 23 years ago. Of course friendships developed with **RAY, RICH TAPP, JEFF ROGALA, JEFF CARLSON** and **JOHN FOLEY** through CARE events. We were all area residents, we all loved fishing with our families and friends, and many of us were members of the Rockville Fish & Game Club.

They say you can do nothing better than to share with others the things you love. Ray certainly

took that to heart. I recently looked back at the impact Ray had on his sport, his community, his world, teaching families across the State.

I've always believed that if each angler introduced just one other person to our sport, they would be doing a great thing. For Instructors in our program, we have asked that you do more. We ask you to help at a CARE class or event at least once per year. Starting in 1987 and for every single year through 2008, Ray taught at least 2 classes per year. In many years it was many more! That was, every single year except 2004. I asked Ray about it. He replied, "I got sick. I had to take a break."

So what did Ray do? In the following year he made up for it, teaching 10 classes in 2005! In total, **Ray had a hand in teaching 3,000 people about water, fish, and fishing!** And that doesn't even count the thousands he taught through his Shop for all those years in Manchester.

In my profession, Ray was someone who had already forgotten more about water, fish and fishing than I had ever learned. He never stopped innovating and trying new things. He made me look smarter. I think others joined our program after meeting Ray and seeing the caliber of the Instructors that were already involved in CARE.

But most of all, Ray was a man who I am proud to call my friend. We will all miss Ray. I will miss the chance to gather his opinion and his sound advice. Ray's enduring legacy includes his family, friends, and many of the new anglers fishing amongst us on Opening Day!

Many of us pray that we'll meet Ray again someday. In the meantime, may the memory of Ray's wit, comforting way and easy smile remain with us from this day on.

George

**CONNECTICUT AQUATIC RESOURCES EDUCATION  
AVAILABLE CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS**

revised 3/10/2009

**George Babey: 860-424-3481**

**Tom Bourret & Justin Wiggins: 860-663-1656**

<u>NAMES</u>		<u>WORK PHONE</u>	<u>HOME PHONE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
<b>Bristol, 2/25/87</b>		<b>Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code</b>		
Jeff	Carlson	3 803-5268C	875-7549H	Vernon
Dave	Majors	5	584-0474H	Bristol
Richard	Tapp	15	872-9557H	Tolland
<b>Lebanon, 3/23/87</b>				
Lionel	MacDonald	23	289-1407H	South Windsor
Warren	Speh	28	536-6640H	Ledyard
<b>Trumbull, 7/22/87</b>				
John	DeLaurentis	37 <b>558-0054C</b>	489-0035H	Torrington
Fred	Frillici	38	<b>371-4237H</b>	Fairfield
Bob	Smith	53 482-2996W	<b>729-8566H</b>	Naugatuck
Joe	Wozniak	54	<b>776-5481H</b>	North Haven
<b>Shelton, 1/19/89</b>				
Tony	Recchia	78 <b>910-4900W</b>	618-0046H	Goshen
<b>Lebanon, 2/2/89</b>				
Dennis	Bacchiocchi	87 433-2652W	445-8976H	Groton
Jeff	Rogala	96 250-3176C	872-7834H	Vernon
<b>Lebanon, 1/29/90</b>				
John	Foley	103 202-1896C	872-3194H	Tolland
Dianne	Grenier	105 748-2160C	742-3033H	Andover
<b>Hebron, 9/16/90</b>				
Elizabeth	Kerr	131	742-3033H	Andover
Vincent	Lavorgna	132 <b>287-2669W</b>	<b>288-1938H</b>	New Haven
<b>Shelton, 1/29/91</b>				
Joseph	Merhill	155	<b>888-4154H</b>	Seymour
Rich	Molaskey	156 <b>797-5373W</b>	584-2954H	Terryville

**Lebanon, 2/12/91****Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code**

Jack	Brown	167		536-3337H	Noank
Thomas	Megargee	174		421-3008H	Madison

**Franklin, 2/13/92**

Craig	Mergins	203	713-3131 X325W	296-8670H	Hartford
David	Mordavsky	205		643-9934H	Manchester
Ed	Smith	210	290-5320 x3350W	450-1015H	Mansfield
Jim	Toner	212		649-3071H	Bolton

**Shelton, 1/28/93**

Tom	Samorajczyk	251		<b>929-9982H</b>	Shelton
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**Franklin, 2/11/93**

Harry	Coyle	256	<b>946-8028W</b>	<b>799-2839H</b>	Orange
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**Franklin, 2/15/94**

Amy	Perry	278	434-9736W	663-3330H	Killingworth
Bill	Tiemann	281		456-9043H	Scotland

**Central CT State University, 1/19/95**

Richard	Gatewood	296	997-9528C	289-3203H	East Hartford
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**Easton, 8/17/95**

Robert	Gost	314	<b>847-5861W</b>	<b>372-1702H</b>	Bridgeport
Joe	Haines	315		<b>268-3873H</b>	Trumbull

**Central CT State University, 1/18/96**

Marc	Arriens	319	<b>772-2130 X424W</b>	<b>458-9449H</b>	Guilford
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**Central CT State University Class, 1/21/97**

George	Emanuel	334		537-5050H	Colchester
Wayne	Magro	338		536-4093H	Ledyard
Joseph	Perry	340	312-3092W	848-8176H	Uncasville
Ed	Ruel	344	490-9067C		East Hartford
David	Sacchitella	345	652-7706W	633-9719H	Glastonbury

**DEP Headquarters, Hartford Class 1/29/98**

Lee	Gary	355		<b>755-1509H</b>	Waterbury
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**Killingworth, 2/6/99****Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code**

Mark	Dysart	361	667-6302 x102W	688-0460H	Windsor
Joe	Gaudette	362	547-8503W	432-0560H	Manchester
Russ	Hall	363		752-3624H	Coventry
Ray	Potkay	365	<b>395-8371C</b>		West Haven
Jean	Ries	366		742-3624H	Coventry

**Killingworth, 2/5/00**

Linda	Bireley	375		434-9864H	Lyme
Dave	Kinhead	378	659-4664W	659-4664H	Glastonbury
Lenny	Tubbs	382	829-7377W	829-0296H	Berlin

**Killingworth, 2/10/01**

Michael	Mader	390	442-3610W	442-6770H	Waterford
Mary	Moulton	391		589-4708H	Bristol
Malcolm	Nichols	392		628-8848H	Southington
Sue	Quincy	394	<b>734-2513W</b>	<b>736-6067H</b>	Derby

**Killingworth, 2/2/02**

Kevin	Fuller	407	563-2341W	632-2171H	Middletown
George	Pieger	415	<b>925-3755W</b>	<b>378-6891H</b>	Stratford

**Killingworth, 7/1/02**

Tony	Norton	417	940-8289C		Bristol
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**Killingworth, 2/1/03**

Dick	Emmons	419	<b>272-9746C</b>	<b>357-7505H</b>	Stamford
Tony	Goulart III	420	823-2345W	823-1234H	Bozrah
Tim	Irwin	421	528-4401W	883-9814C	East Hartford
Diane	Joy	422	<b>734-2513W</b>		Oxford
Tom	Parlapiano	424	<b>287-2669W</b>	<b>288-1341H</b>	Hamden

**Killingworth, 6/25/03**

Eliza	Johnson	431		561-1311H	West Hartford
Marianne	Kozikowski	432	673-2340W	589-0385H	Forestville
Caleb	Rose	433	961-4456C		Mystic

**Killingworth, 2/7/04****Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code**

Jess	Caraballo	436	<b>994-1673C</b>	<b>798-2381H</b>	Danbury
Suzanne	Carlson	437		875-7549H	Vernon
Lauren	Carrara	438		742-3062H	Andover
Ted	Gardziel	442		<b>287-5025H</b>	Guilford
Melissa	Grenier	445		896-0159H	Tolland
Kim	Hawes	446		742-7091H	Andover
Jan	Rink	449	646-3018W	742-8208H	Andover

**Killingworth 3/13/04**

John	Barr	450		232-2783H	West Hartford
Michael	Dupuis	452	877-3797C	621-6039H	Southington
Janet	Galya	453		742-6276H	Andover
Joe	Grabinski	454	<b>386-5241W</b>	<b>720-1177H</b>	Naugatuck
Gerald	Hollins	455	355-6045W	210-0772W	New Milford
James	Kyle	457	810-8037	291-8440H	West Hartford
Bob	Mangione	458	883-1432C	379-5327H	Winsted

**Killingworth 6/29/04**

Cassie	Crandall	461	460-9471C	535-1969H	North Stonington
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**Killingworth 2/5/05**

Blaine	Anderson	462	296-0110W	977-1570H	Newington
Stan	Grabowski	465		582-2931H	Bristol
Tamara	Grosso	466	258-3304W	<b>826-9076H</b>	Bethel
Rocco	Grosso	467	707-4123C	<b>826-9076H</b>	Bethel
Dan	Holden	468		<b>269-3427H</b>	Wallingford
David	Insalaco	469	308-6655W	554-5089H	Killingworth
Joe	Milone	470	<b>946-8016W</b>	<b>415-9628C</b>	New Haven
Bill	Mollica	471	<b>363-1962W</b>	<b>696-0446H</b>	Fairfield
Tom	Nichols	472		<b>234-0297H</b>	North Haven
Rick	Nicotera	473		741-0502H	Enfield
Mike	Rayder	474	798-0077C	379-3417H	New Hartford
Norm	Roberts	475	<b>305-8185C</b>	<b>732-0872H</b>	Derby

**Old Lyme 5/7/05**

Mike	Dynia	482	713-6165W	745-9986H	Enfield
Gene	Robida	487	424-3889W	526-0808H	Chester
Keith	Tanner	491	565-6702W	537-6319H	Colchester

**Old Lyme 2/4/06****Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code**

Dan	Barvir	495	<b>946-6086 x2W</b>		New Haven
Jan	Darula	496		<b>323-7802H</b>	Stamford
Al	Gabris	497	<b>729-5428W</b>	<b>881-0534H</b>	Beacon Falls
Joe	Scordato	503		<b>406-0558H</b>	Stamford
John	Staski	504		<b>440-2151H</b>	Meriden
Tony	Zema	505	843-9325W	674-9594H	Avon

**Derby, 6/27/06**

Grace	Jacobson	507	928-4948W	974-2773H	Woodstock
Donna Rose	Smith	509	<b>264-5098W</b>	<b>706-0474H</b>	Southbury

**Bridgeport, 2/3/07**

Marty	Armstrong	510		<b>334-2508H</b>	Bridgeport
Joseph	Arnson	511		<b>598-7094H</b>	Middlebury
Noelle	Bellucci	512		667-4208H	Avon
Frank	Boskello	513	<b>331-0431W</b>	<b>334-5163H</b>	Fairfield
Jonathan	Boisfeuillet	514	<b>223-5217W</b>	<b>329-8537H</b>	Stamford
Nicole	Dunn	515	<b>255-2834 x18W</b>	<b>208-0714H</b>	Branford
Ron	Graziani	517		<b>265-6035H</b>	Wallingford
John	Ortoleva	519		<b>469-9721H</b>	New Haven
Jose	Rodriguez	521	<b>734-1371W</b>	<b>954-7287H</b>	Derby
John	Ryan	522		582-1020H	Bristol
Maureen	Scinto	523	<b>255-2834 x18W</b>	<b>254-7874H</b>	Fairfield
Lizzy	Scinto	524		<b>254-7874H</b>	Fairfield
Mark	Siems	525	<b>953-1276W</b>	432-4229H	Manchester

**Killingworth, 6/23/07**

David A.	Casko	528	884-3699C	739-8438H	East Lyme
Jim	Murtagh	530		<b>453-6052H</b>	Guilford
Ben	Silliman	532	508-8111C	342-2267H	Portland
Kevin	Walsh	533		690-9453H	Middletown
Samantha	Wentworth	534		552-9526H	Clinton

**Hartford, 2/2/08****Bold Type Indicates (203) Area Code**

Ilija	Bratina	535	201-3557C	361-3557H	Hamden
Sherese	Davis	536	256-3434W	289-6858H	East Hartford
Keith	Daniels	537		<b>982-2612H</b>	East Hartford
Michael	Dillon	538	<b>444-8450C</b>		Milford
Paul	Dona	539	575-1509C	526-9863H	Chester
Doug	Eleck	540		<b>847-5125H</b>	Norwalk
Oscar	Ferguson	541		745-6291H	Enfield
Dwight	Hacker	542	983-6339C	589-7482H	Bristol
Henry	Hester	544	<b>250-4523C</b>	522-6619H	Hartford
Doris	Johnson	545	490-3258W		Hartford
Butch	Lewis	546		522-7927H	Hartford
Eric	Lopez	547	253-6449W	741-5621H	Enfield
Geoff	Picard	548	304-2274C	663-1769H	Killingworth
Victor	Rios	549	985-3828C		Hartford
Cindy	Simmons	550		728-3491H	Hartford
Dale	Smith	551	256-3416W	830-1140H	Windsor
Paula	Sponauer	552		<b>265-5396H</b>	Wallingford
Todd	Stenz	553	<b>452-5984W</b>	<b>452-9653H</b>	Trumbull
Osbert	Stewart	554		413-273-1733H	Springfield, MA
Donna	Wojdak	555		379-2824H	New Hartford

**Farmington, 6/19/2008**

Doreen	Abubakar	556		<b>891-5360H</b>	New Haven
Chris	Bogie	557	<b>536-5135W</b>	<b>536-5135H</b>	Darien
Elizabeth	Coley	558	<b>734-2513W</b>	<b>268-1711H</b>	Monroe
Larry	Holmes	559	<b>789-7111W</b>	<b>624-9128 H</b>	New Haven
Alyssa	Kaliszewski	560	424-3973W	628-0533H	Plainville
Marissa	Keen	561		<b>655-8202H</b>	Darien
Jason	Koza	562	<b>734-2513W</b>	<b>740-7755H</b>	Brookfield
Loreen	Lawrence	563	<b>507-2260C</b>	<b>415-5923C</b>	New Haven
Kristina	Linberk	564	<b>734-2513W</b>	828-9335H	Berlin
Nina	Miller	565	<b>655-7459W</b>		Darien
Sean	Perrault	566		584-5402H	Farmington
Rachael	Sunny	567	418-5981W		Branford
Edward	Tellier	568		738-0097H	New Hartford
Judy	Witzke	569		582-4902H	Farmington
Bernard	Young	570	<b>632-5455H</b>		Naugatuck

**New Haven 2/28/2009**

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Tammi	Avery	571	642-6844H		North Franklin
Mike	Bullard	572	<b>757-8223H</b>	<b>627-3959W</b>	Waterbury
David	Connelly	573	<b>732-8119H</b>	<b>735-0755W</b>	Ansonia
Paul	Gemme	574	989-5922C	761-7381W	Windsor Locks
Jeff	Gruetzner	575	<b>746-9566H</b>	<b>977-4469W</b>	New Fairfield
Patrick	Lopiano	576	<b>734-6024H</b>	<b>977-5756W</b>	Ansonia
Mike	McKenna	577	221-5288C		Waterbury
Doug	Mineo	578	283-8545H	<b>509-2944W</b>	Plymouth
Lawrence	Nickollof	579	535-1394H	691-4700W	North Stonington
Billy	Novak	580	<b>888-2196H</b>		Seymour
Edward	Ochman	581	<b>481-2894H</b>	<b>688-2002W</b>	Branford
Michael	Stokes	582	<b>439-0893H</b>	637-0815C	Cheshire
Edwin	Soto	583	<b>597-0864H</b>	<b>574-6956W</b>	Waterbury
Ed	Torres	584	830-1320H	343-2564W	Middletown
Michael	Tripp Sr.	585	<b>757-2897H</b>	<b>560-9873W</b>	Waterbury
Thomas	Veno	586	<b>281-6818H</b>	<b>605-5383C</b>	Hamden
Summer-Sage	Williams	587		680-9919W	Hartford



**Welcome the newest additions to our CARE program, certified this past February 28.**

## *Recent and Upcoming Classes*

<b>Status</b>	<b>Class Dates</b>	<b>Chief Instructor</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Class Times</b>	<b>Instructor #</b>
OPEN	MAR 5, 12, 19, 2009	JOE GRABINSKI	SEYMOUR	3:30PM TO 5:00PM	
FULL	MAR 11, 18, APR 1 2009	GENE ROBIDA	CHESTER	3:00PM TO 5:00PM	
OPEN	MAR 15, 22, 29, 2009	MAUREEN SCINTO	FAIRFIELD	10:00AM TO 12:00PM	(203) 255-2318
FULL	MAR 18, 29, APR 18, 2009	DOUG MINEO	WATERBURY	4:00PM TO 7:00PM	(860) 283-8545
OPEN	MAR 24, 26, 31 2009	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	6:00PM TO 8:30PM	(203) 357-7505
OPEN	MAR 25, APR 1, 8, 2009	JUDITH WITZKE	FARMINGTON	6:00PM TO 8:00PM	(860) 582-4902
FULL	MAR 25, 26, APR 18, 2009	DOUG MINEO	WATERBURY	4:00PM TO 7:00PM	(860) 283-8545
OPEN	MAR 28, 2009	DAVID MORDAVSKY	MANCHESTER	9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM	(860) 643-9934
OPEN	MAR 31, APR 2, 7, 2009	STAN GRABOWSKI	BRISTOL	6:30PM TO 8:30PM	(860) 582-2931
FULL	APR 1, 2, 18, 2009	DOUG MINEO	WATERBURY	4:00PM TO 7:00PM	(860) 283-8545
OPEN	APR 2, 7, 9, 2009	MICHAEL BULLARD	WALLINGFORD	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(203) 627-3959
FULL	APR 3, 2009	DAVID SACCHITELLA	GLASTONBURY	12:30PM TO 2:00PM	(860) 652-7706
OPEN	APR 14, 16, 2009	DAVID SACCHITELLA	GLASTONBURY	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 652-7706
FULL	APR 15, 16, 18, 2009	DOUG MINEO	WATERBURY	4:00PM TO 7:00PM	(860) 283-8545
OPEN	APR 16, 2009	DORIS JOHNSON	HARTFORD	9:00AM TO 3:00PM	(860) 490-3258
OPEN	APR 16, 21, 23, 2009	RAY POTKAY	MILFORD	6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	(203) 395-8371
OPEN	APR 18, 25, MAY 2, 2009	MAUREEN SCINTO	FAIRFIELD	10:00AM TO 12:00PM	(203) 255-2318
FULL	APR 23, 2009	DAN BARVIR	HAMDEN	1:00PM TO 3:00PM	(203) 946-6086
OPEN	APR 23, 2009	DAN BARVIR	HAMDEN	9:30AM TO 11:30AM	(203) 946-6086
OPEN	APR 24, 25, 2009	LIONEL MACDONALD	SOUTH WINDSOR	7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	(860) 289-1407
OPEN	APR 24, MAY 1, 8, 2009	FRED FRILLICI	WESTON	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(203) 371-4237
FULL	APR 27, MAY 4, 7, 2009	JEFF GRUETZNER	STAMFORD	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(203) 746-9566
OPEN	APR 28, 29, 30, 2009	JUDITH WITZKE	ESSEX	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	(860) 582-4902
FULL	APR 29,2009	CRAIG MERGINS	HARTFORD	11:00AM TO 2:00PM	(860) 713-3131
FULL	MAY 2, 2009	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 2, 2009	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 2, 2009	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	11:00AM TO 12:00PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 2, 2009	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	10:00AM TO 1:00AM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 2, 2009	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	9:00AM TO 10:00AM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 4-16, 2009	JUSTIN WIGGINS	STAMFORD	10:00AM TO 2:00PM	(860) 663-1656
OPEN	MAY 6, 11, 13, 2009	RAY POTKAY	STRATFORD	6:00PM TO 8:00PM	(203) 395-8371
OPEN	MAY 9, 2009	RACHEL SUNNY	NEW FAIRFIELD	9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM	(860) 418-5981
OPEN	MAY 12, 14, 19, 2009	MICHAEL DYNIA	ENFIELD	6:00PM TO 8:00PM	(860) 745-9986

# 2009 CARE Winter Highlights

In addition to the 15 Family Ice Fishing classes taught across the state, this past winter season was highlighted by our CARE **Family Ice Fishing Derby** and the DEP's *No Child Left Inside Winter Festival*. Our Derby attracted over 300 students to Coventry Lake on January 31. The following weekend over 800 people gathered at Black Rock State Park for the Winter Festival, where folks were able to catch some of the trout that they stocked through the ice to start the day. Thank you to those who helped in making these events such great successes. Enjoy some pictures!

## Winter Festival



The 2009 *Winter Festival* started with families, like the one shown above, stocking over 250 rainbow and brown trout into Black Rock Pond. CARE Instructors and **LARRY DRAWEC** from the Burlington Hatchery drilled all stocking holes prior to the event. The Burlington Trout Hatchery provided the fish.

Hundreds of families gathered on the ice once the stocking was completed. With high hopes of catching a freshly stocked trout, participants borrowed jigging rods and found expert advice from one of the fifteen CARE Instructors that were there to help.



From the classroom to the ice, many CARE Instructors volunteered several consecutive weekends to help children get out and enjoy the outdoors. **JOHN BARR** is shown here helping Waterbury kids successfully complete a conservation activity, stocking fish.

The first fish came through the ice within 5 minutes of fishing. A beautiful 17 inch brown trout was caught by this Hartford boy. It was the first fish he had ever caught through the ice! He continued jigging throughout the day and was rewarded with an additional rainbow trout.

## Family Ice Fishing Derby...



This 11 inch rainbow trout was the first and only trout caught at our Family Ice Fishing Derby held on Coventry Lake. Families braved freezing temperatures and strong winds. The fishing was tough!



The brand new tip-ups we ordered last year came in very handy at the Derby. Over 300 participants borrowed our equipment. CARE Instructors, like **MARTIN VITO**, showed participants how to drill a hole, use a sounder, bait a hook, and setup a tip-up properly.

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