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Fly of the Month

Contributed by Tom Towey

CADDIS FLY

Hook: #14-18 Dry
Thread: Tan
Tail: dark Blue Dun Hackle Barbs
Body: Tan
Wing: Elk Hair
Hackle: Brown (tie tip in at bend of hook)

Comment: Substitute darker material colors and this fly can double as a stonefly pattern.



Mass. Trout Info on the Web

<http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/dfwtrout.htm>

Information as of March 15, 2001. While the Wester, Connecticut Valley, and Central Districts have not yet been stocked, Northeast and Southeast Ponds have been. Find out more at the Mass Wildlife's Web site.

At <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/dfwtgs.htm> you can learn about the 2000 TAGS N' TROUT program.

Getting to Meetings

(directions to Pepperell VFW)

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, starting 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, in Pepperell, MA. The VFW Hall is located just east of Pepperell center opposite a center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles. To get there follow directions below, and please note distances given are estimates.

FROM ROUTE 3: Take the Rt. 113 exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113 for 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. VFW Hall will be on left side of Rt. 113.

FROM ROUTE 495: Take the Rt. 119 exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119 for 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113 and proceed east 1.5 miles. The VFW Hall will be on right side of Rt. 113.

FROM ROUTE 2: Take Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on 111. Rt. 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Follow 111/119 into Pepperell. Follow the 111 after it splits from 119 and proceed to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113 and proceed east 1.5 miles. The VFW Hall will be on right side of Rt. 113.

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The newsletter for the Trout Unlimited chapter that champions sport and conservation on two northeastern Massachusetts trout rivers: The Squannacook & The Nissitissit.

2001 Annual Fund Raiser a Success!

Massachusetts Dept.
of Fish & Wildlife
Environmental Police
Guest at March Meeting

Opportunity for Volunteer
Work with Nashua River
Watershed Association

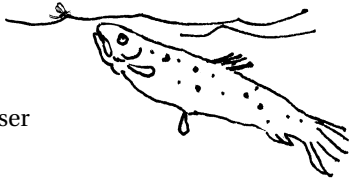
*Squan-a-Tissit members
make the difference.
Join in the fun, attend a meeting!*

Message from the President

The anticipation leading up to the annual dinner fund raiser was running pretty high as Saturday neared. Everyone was working hard and it seemed everything was in order but, as everyone knows, any thing could happen. Saturday arrived, the hall was set up, the cooks were busy in the kitchen and the raffle items were displayed on the tables looking a bit like Christmas morning. The lights went up the doors were opened and the night began. We gave out several door prizes to warm up the crowd, I spoke about the chapters many accomplishments and the activities we're involved with and thanked those attending for their support for their contributions in helping fund our chapter's good work. We had a wonderful meal cooked by Bob Grady, Janice Brand and Kathy Schott. The nights featured speaker, A. K. Best, took over and with his great stories and wonderful colorful slides regaled us with fish stories from the far north in Labrador. We calmed down a bit and started the silent auctions and raffle after raffle into the night to the delight of anyone who's ticket was called. My father won a cord of firewood which he gave to me when he couldn't figure a way to get it back home to Texas... There were lots of prizes and lots of happy folks and the biggest winner of all was our own chapter. Many people expressed to me their thanks but I'd like to say I was only one of many who made the night so successful. So many came forward to help in many ways. I want to thank all who donated goods or services and support those who did. Thanks to all who helped, the Board of Directors who worked long and hard, Chris Gray who worked the door, Charlie Shadan for his success in acquiring many of the raffle items and to Dave Armstrong, John Callon, and Tom Towey, the guys who stayed late to clean up the kitchen. The dinner was a success financially but just as important we had a lot of fun and created a lot of good will. Saturday night it felt good to be part of this chapter and I hope all who attended feel the same. Thank you for your support and we'll do it all again next year. Oh, and thanks to Dave up in Maine.

Yours Truly,

Michael Rosser



2001 Fund Raiser Raffle & Silent Auction Prizes, Donors, & Winners

RAFFLE WINNERS

Raffle Prize

Donor

Winner

Orvis Silver Label 5 wt, 8 ft, 2 pc, Battenkill Reel, line, backing, tube Squan-a-tissit Chapter
Jim Kapourellos

Penn 10 wt, 9 ft, 2 pc STH Reel
Blue Northern Trading Co, Ayer, MA
Elias Roustom

Loomis 3 wt, 6? ft, 2 pc
Hunters Rendezvous, Pepperell, MA
Bill O'Connor

Orvis Trident 4wt, 8? ft, 2 pc Member Rod Drawing
Chapter
Tom Towey

Stable Base Rocking Chair
Adden Furniture, Inc, Lowell, MA
Frank Cover

Lopstick Lodge Accommodations
Lopstick Lodge, Pittsburg, NH
Seline Skoug

Tall Timbers Lodge Accommodations
Tall Timbers Lodge, Pittsburg, NH
John Callan

Lakewood Camps Accommodations
Lakewood Camps, Andover, ME
Bill Rosser

Thomas & Thomas 40% Discount
Thomas & Thomas Rodmakers, Inc., Greenfield, MA
Carleen Craig

Caddis Float Tube
Chapter
Michael Wilson

Gift Certificate, \$50
Lower Forty Outfitters, Worcester, MA
Dave LaCourse

NRWA Membership
Nashua River Watershed Assn
?

Sport Clays
SCAT Outdoor Recreation Center, New Ipswich, NH
Carleen Craig

Indian Hill Symphony Tickets (2)
Indian Hill Music Center
Skip Doucette

Guided Plum Island Trip
Rick Sharp - Tight Lines Shore, Guide Service
Peter Fay

Guided Saltwater Trip
Water's Edge Charters
Bob Grady

Necks (2)
Mike Martinek
James Shanley, Paul Goodwin

Vehicle Storage - 6 mos
Win Duke
Carleen Craig

Cord of Firewood
Win Duke
Bill Rosser

Columbia Shirt
Chapter
Herman Nelson

Case Classic Whittler Knife
Norman Sheldon
Skip Doucette

Olsen Folding Knife
Norman Sheldon
Arthur Boland

Sports Tool Kit
Bob Selb
Bob Grady

Umpqua Tying Tool Set
Chapter
Paul Goodwin

Jungle Cock Neck
Castle Arms
Chuck Hurley

Tying Bench
Ernie Matseas
Mark Silvira

LL Bean Youth Flyfishing Outfit
Chapter
Herman Nelson

Boxed Fly Selections (8)
Tom Towey, Charles Shadan, Jef DeMarie, John Denome, and Rick Southgate
Herman Nelson (2), Win Duke

Brian Tanguay, John Ainger
Dave Sheldon, Chuck Hurley
& Paul Goodwin

Johnson Acoustic Guitar
University Music, Lowell, MA
Bill Barnett

RIO Striped Bass Fly Line
Hunter's Angling
James Shanley

APC Power Supply
American Power Conversion
Paul Goodwin

Orvis Wooden Landing Net
Orvis of Framingham, Framingham, MA
Chuck Hurley

Cortland Saddlebag Vest
Tom Towey
Michael Wilson

Coleman Propane Lantern
Tom Towey
Jeff McCusker

Books
Dana Gray
Elias Roustom (2), Bill Rosser

Guided Nissitissit Trip
Nissitissit River Guide Service
Francois Colomb

Guided Squannacook Trip
Win Duke
John Salemi

Ski Area Passes (3)
Nashoba Valley Ski Area, Westford, MA
Becky Audette

Windblown XC Ski Area, Ipswich, NH
Becky Audette
Wachusett Mtn Ski Area, Princeton, MA
Ed Trokneyar

Hodgman Neoprene Waders
Chapter
Kevin Devine

Wood River Tackle Bag
American Angling Supplies, Salem, NH
Michael Wilson

Hardy Brook Bag
Russ Schott
Ed Craig

Personalized Stationary
EM Press, Lawrence, MA
Miike O'Connor

Framed Atlantic Salmon Fly
Mike O'Connor
Scott Bullock

Rainbow/Rainbow Print
Concord Outfitters, Concord, MA
Dave Sheldon

North Country Brookie Print
Tom Lowell Jr.
Ed Craig

Nature's Trophy Print
Tom Lowell Jr.
David Coleman

Whitetail Deer Print
James F. Collins
Nancy Rosinski

Stained Glass Panel Gift Certificate
Becky Audette
Ed Craig

Nissitissit River Photo
Dan McManus Photography
Frank Cover

Gazebo Bird Feeder
Hollis Grain Store, Hollis, NH
Mark Driscoll

Bluebird Houses (2)
Russ Schott
Frank Cover

Chickadee House
Terry Cormellier
Bob Grady

Sunflower Tower Feeders (2)
Tim McDaniel
Anita McCusker, Karen Crissey

Hyde Silo Bird Feeder
?
Janis Brand

KB Sunflower Feeder and Bag of Seed
AGWAY, Littleton, MA
Peter Fay

Barn Bird Feeder
Terry Cormellier
Tom Towey

Bat House
Russ Schott
Mitch Heydt

Wood Duck Nesting Boxes (2)
Dave Armstrong
Terry Cormellier

Amaryllis Bulb Kit (2)
Terry Cormellier
Frank Cover

Yankee Candle w. Basket
Deb O'Connor
Herman Nelson

National Wildlife Clock
Norman Sheldon
Paul Goodwin

Toaster
Moison Hardware, Groton, MA
Anita McCusker

Cooler Bag
Terry Cormellier
Carleen Craig

Sterilite Containers Asst (3)
Sterilite Corporation, Townsend, MA
Peter Fay

Sterilite Containers Asst (6)
Sterilite Corporation
Mike Cloutier

Sterilite Container Lg (1)
Sterilite Corporation
Herman Nelson

SILENT AUCTION WINNERS

Painting - Ipswich River Headwaters
Bob Grady
Michael Rosser

Vermont Getaway - Northeast Kingdom
Russ & Kathleen Schott
James Shanley

Handmade Wooden Landing Net
Chapter
Herman Nelson

March Meeting Guest

The guest speaker for the March meeting is John Callan who is an Environmental police officer with Mass. Fish and Wildlife. John is also a long standing member of this T. U. chapter. John will talk about his duties with the agency, regale us with a few stories and answer your questions. Should be quite informative.

Nashua River Watershed Association Needs Volunteers

“NRWA is getting ready to begin its water quality monitoring program and we are realizing that we'll need to recruit quite a few new volunteers this season. Is there anyone in TU who might be interested in sampling some sites on the Squannacook? We also could use help with the Nissitissit. Do you think there are some folks who would want to do this? It's not a huge time commitment, but we do need folks who can sample once a month, on Saturday mornings, from April to October. Any thoughts/ideas you have would be appreciated!”

If you would like to help, speak to Russ Schott at the next meeting or contact the Nashua River Watershed Association, River Resource Center, at: 592 Main St., Groton, MA 01450, (978) 448-0299, (978) 448-0941: Fax.

Monthly Meeting Raffles

Our raffle is a great way to raise money for our Trout Unlimited chapter, and it's an affordable way to win valuable prizes at very reasonable ticket prices. Having said this, we as an organization need each members' help.

Fishing items of all types will gladly be accepted. Use your imagination and remember that your club and fellow members will thank you. Our successful raffle will serve as an additional piece to enhance the monthly meetings' attendance and at the same time provide everyone with excellent value for useful fishing items.

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Thanks to all the donors, all the raffle ticket buyers, and all the silent auction bidders, and congratulations to all the winners.

You Made Our Annual Fund Raiser a Success!

Trout Unlimited thanks you, the river thanks you, the fish thank you (please catch and release).