

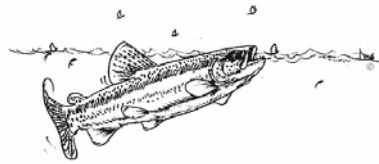
Fly of the Month

Caddisfly

Hook: Dry Fly # 14-18
 Thread: Tan
 Rib: Brown hackle palmered (tie tip in at hook bend)
 Body: Tan dubbing
 Wing: Elk hair



Comment: Before cutting the elk hair at the hook eye, fold back two of the hairs and put a wrap of thread to hold them down. Cut the elk hair then release the 2 two hairs. You now have antenna on the caddis.



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Upcoming Events

October Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 22nd

Nissitissit River Work Day

Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 am at the Henry Colombo Management Area

November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 26th with Aardvark Outfitters
 "Drift Boat Fishing on the Kennebec"

December Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, December 17th

Note: This meeting will be on the **third** Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas holiday.

Trout Unlimited TV

For those of you that can receive TUTV, two New England rivers will be featured this season:

Battenkill River, Vermont

Friday, November 1, 9:30 p.m. EST
 Sunday, November 3, 12:30 p.m. EST

Grand Lake Stream, Maine

Friday, November 22, 9:30 p.m. EST
 Sunday, November 24, 12:30 p.m. EST

Monthly Meeting

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

Directions:

From Rt. 3: Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. The VFW Hall will be located on the left side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 495: Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 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 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 2: Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

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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.

October Meeting
Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
with
Ray Gagnon
Presenting
"Fishing the Roach"

President's Message

The chapter will hold nominations for chapter officers and some board positions at the October meeting. Any interested members should think about running for a position.

We have scheduled a river clean up for Saturday, October 26th. We will meet at the gate on Brookline St. about 9:00 am. In addition to the clean up, we want to repair the log bridge at No-Name Brook that is washed out. We need some strong backs.

It may seem too far in the future but, we need to start thinking about the Annual Dinner this spring. Any members who have connections with local businesses and would be able to solicit a raffle donation, should let us know. We hope to make this years dinner as successful as past ones.

We have a broken chiller for the Adopt a Salmon Program in one of the schools. If there is a member in the air-conditioning business who would be willing to advise us on the possibility of repair, it would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Tom Towey

Chapter News



The new season was kicked off at the September meeting. It was great to see our chapter members again and to talk with everyone about their summer activities. We even managed to address a few issues.

• Adopt-A-Salmon Program

This program has proven to be a great success. The goal is to educate school age children about the environment while involving them in an interesting and fun way. Several schools in southern NH/northern MA participate in the program. Brookline is the latest school system to show interest and has asked us to provide them with a chiller and an aquarium. This proposal was brought to vote and unanimously approved. The estimated expenditure is approximately \$800.

The Varnum Brook Middle School in Pepperell is also a participant in the program. One of the chillers we supplied them with

several years ago is not working. The chapter voted to repair that chiller or to replace it if repair is not cost effective or timely.

• Nissitissit River Work Day

The chapter will hold a work day on the Nissitissit Saturday, October 26th. The main focus of the day will be to repair the walkovers installed last fall at No-Name Brook. The heavy rains this spring washed several of the logs up into the brook. Please come by and lend a hand (don't forget gloves and waders). If you're not able to participate in the heavy activity, we can use your help walking the river banks and removing trash. We will gather at the Colombo area gate (Brookline St., Pepperell) at 9:00 am. Tom will bring the customary coffee and donuts. The work day usually lasts 2 to 3 hours leaving plenty of time for some wonderful fall fishing on the Niss.



• Chapter Elections

Nominations for chapter offices will be heard at the October meeting. There are positions open for all offices. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please come to the meeting. Let us know if you are interested in running for a position and cannot attend this month's meeting. Elections will be in November.



Charlie Shadan picked right up with the monthly raffles. This month he surprised us with a cash door prize.

• Fall Stocking

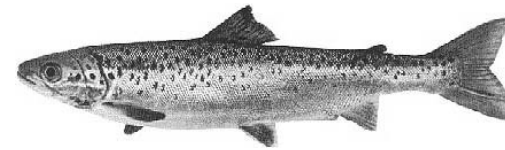
Local waters were stocked this past week by Mass Wildlife. The waters scheduled for fall stocking are the Nissitissit River, Squannacook River, Baddacook Pond and Knops Pond. Mass Wildlife has allocated throughout the state 39,000 Rainbows, ranging in size from 11" to 14", 10,000 Brookies 9" or better and 4,500 Browns at 12" and up. Updates on stocking can be found at: <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/dfwtroutwat02.htm>

• Universal Access Area

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is preparing a sign to identify the Universal Access site in Townsend and has asked us where it should be located. The board will recommend the sign be placed at the parking area on Old Meetinghouse Road about halfway between the river and Route 119. A date for the dedication has not yet been set.

The September meeting concluded with member Don Robertson presenting a video of his recent trip to Kamchatka, Russia in pursuit of Rainbow Trout, Grayling, and Salmon.

The Landlocked Salmon



Common Name: Landlocked Atlantic Salmon

Other Names: Sebago Salmon, Quananiche

Scientific Name: *Salmo salar*

Adult Size: Average size is 16" to 18" and 1 to 1½ pounds, but 3 to 5 pound fish are not uncommon.

Identification: Adults are generally silvery with a slightly forked tail and small X-shaped markings on the back and upper sides. Juvenile salmon have a dark red spot between each pair of parr marks. Mature males develop a "kype", or hooked jaw, during the spawning season.

- Landlocked salmon are a freshwater form of the sea-run Atlantic salmon.
- Salmon spawn in lake outlets or inlets during the period from mid-October to late November. Eggs

are buried in gravel from 4" to 12" deep and remain there until hatching early the following spring.

- Young salmon spend from 1 to 4 years in a stream environment prior to migrating to a lake. Most wild salmon spend 2 years as stream dwellers.
- In wild populations, most males spawn first at ages 3 and 4, although a few spawn at ages 1 and 2. Females usually spawn first at ages 4 and 5.
- Spawning runs of wild salmon may be composed of fish ranging in age from 1 to 10, but 3, 4, and 5 year old individuals make up the bulk of most runs.
- Landlocked salmon may be repeat spawners, but most fish observed are spawning for the first time. Salmon may spawn in consecutive or alternate years, some may spawn in consecutive years then skip a year, and some may skip 2 or 3 years between spawnings.
- Salmon populations sustained by natural reproduction often have more older fish than those supported by stocking. Wild salmon usually exhibit slower growth than do hatchery salmon so they reach legal size and are harvested 1 or 2 years later.

There is very good Landlocked Salmon fishing right in this area. Salmon from the Wachusett Reservoir make a fall spawning run up the Stillwater River. This usually occurs in October or November when the temperature drops and immediately following heavy rain.

October Speaker

This month's speaker will be Ray Gagnon. Ray is one of our chapter members and will feature "Fishing the Roach." His presentation will cover Landlocked



Salmon and Trout fishing this past year from West Branch Pond Camps in central Maine.

Ray with a beautiful Atlantic Salmon he landed this past week.