

Fly of the Month

Kaufmann Black Stone



Hook: X-Long size 6 to 10
Thread: Black
Underbody: Tin wire to weight and build up thorax
Tail: Two black goose biots, divided
Rib: Black Swannundaze
Abdomen: Black dubbing mixed with small amounts brown, amber and claret
Wing case: Three dark turkey tail sections, lacquered, cut to a "V" shape, and applied in three sections with a small amount of black dubbing in between
Antennae: Two black goose biots
Head: Black dubbing

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Upcoming Events

November Chapter Meeting

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

December Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, December 17th

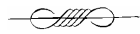
Note: This meeting will be on the **third** Tuesday of the month due to the Christmas holiday.

Trout Unlimited TV:

Grand Lake Stream, Maine

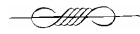
Friday, November 22nd, 9:30 p.m. EST

Sunday, November 24th, 12:30 p.m. EST



"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish".

John H. Bradley, 1935



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.

November Meeting

Tuesday the 26th at 7:00 p.m.

with

Aardvark OUTFITTERS

*"Drift Boat Fishing on
the Kenebec"*

President's Message

A special thanks to the members who helped with the annual river clean-up in October. It was pouring rain and we still had members who were able to help. We managed to repair the log bridges and do the clean-up.

The State has told us that the sign for the public access site on Old Meeting House Road is almost ready, it just needs to be painted. The sign will give TU credit for construction of the site. I'll keep you posted as to when it would be erected, probably the spring.

A reminder that we will have chapter elections at this meeting, but there does not appear to be any contested positions.

The winter appears to be approaching quickly and fishing days are getting scarce but I think we'll have some interesting speakers and events at our monthly meetings this year. Hope to see you there.

Tom Towey



November Presentation by Aardvark Outfitters

Located in Farmington, ME, Aardvark Outfitters is one of the premier outfitters serving the Kenebec and Maine waters. Bob Dione and Mike Jones

operate a full service guide shop that includes drift boat and wade



trips on the Kenebec. The recovery of the Kenebec is a tremendous story and offers one of the best rivers in the east for native Brook Trout and Landlocked Salmon. In October, larger Salmon drop into the East Outlet from Moosehead Lake as well as move up from Indian Pond to prepare for spawning. This can offer some exciting fishing, rivaling that usually found on western rivers. Come get an update on the state of the Kenebec and what is available only a few hours away.

Fly Assortment Raffle



The chapter will have a special drawing for an assortment of 60 flies at the November meeting. Tickets are \$5 each. In addition, we will have other fishing items for raffle.

If you have unused fishing items you would like to donate to the raffle, please bring them to the meeting and we will turn them into cash for projects and speakers. Fishing gear of all types will gladly be accepted.

Chapter News

Our October meeting was well attended. The major agenda item was nominations for chapter officers (see Chapter Elections). Nominations went rather quickly leaving time to discuss other topics. Here is a brief summary:

• Adopt-A-Salmon Program - Update

The chapter purchased two new chillers for the local program. One will go to Brookline and the other will replace a broken chiller at Varnum Brook Middle School in Pepperell. We will have an air conditioning specialist look at the broken chiller and repair it if possible. This will provide us with a spare for emergencies.

• Casting for Recovery

You may recall this time last year we hosted a fly fishing day on the Niss in conjunction with Casting for Recovery (CFR). CFR is a nationally recognized non-profit program developed to help women whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. CFR provides an opportunity for these women to learn fly fishing and experience physical, emotional and spiritual healing through retreats in a natural setting. The support for this program has been tremendous with many organizations offering retreats and outings. Because of this, our assistance is not needed this year. However, CFR is looking for flies to support the program. If you would like

to help CFR, tie up some of your favorite patterns and bring them to one of our meetings. To find out more about CFR, visit <http://www.castingforrecovery.org>

• December Meeting

Due to the holiday season our December meeting will be held on Tuesday the 17th. The agenda for the meeting will be the traditional fly tying, pizza and raffles.

The October meeting concluded with a well received presentation from our own Ray Gagnon presenting tales of his recent fishing adventures from West Branch Ponds Camps in central Maine.

Making Your Own Leaders

Building your own leaders is a lot like making your own flies, it costs more. However, you gain the ability to make what you need when you need it. In addition, an understanding of leader construction can extend the life of your commercial tapered leader.

In general, the leader is thicker at the point where it is connected to the fly line and becomes thinner as you go to the tippet. As you cast the line the mass of the moving part of the line, including the leader, decreases. Since momentum must be conserved, the moving part of the line and leader must increase in velocity causing the leader to lay out flat.

A basic leader formula is the ".002 step down leader." With this method each section of material will be .002" less than the heavier section, where 25% is butt, 50% is middle section and 25% is



Several of our chapter members braved poor weather conditions on October 26th to repair walkovers along the Nissitissit. This year the logs at No-Name Brook were staked down to (hopefully) keep them in place during rising water.

In addition to the repairs, trash was collected from the river banks between Gilmans Pool and the NH border.

tippet. Try this one, for a 9 foot with a 6X tippet.

<u>Length</u>	<u>Leader Diameter</u>
28"	.019"
14"	.017"
12"	.015"
10"	.013"
6"	.011"
6"	.009"
6"	.007"
26"	.005"

Tom Towey

Chapter Elections

The following nominations were accepted for officers and Board of Director positions at the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Nominees:

Officers

President	Tom Towey
Vice President	Tim McDaniel
Treasurer	Pete Hennessey
Secretary	Francois Colomb

Board of Directors

Director, 1 yr. (Elect 3)	Terry Cornelli John Metzger Ray Gagnon
Director, 3 yr. (Elect 1)	Lew Benedict

