

Fly of the Month

Black Stonefly



Hook: #14 or 16 Dry
 Body: Stripped Black Hackle Quill
 Wing: Black Deer or Elk Hair tied flat
 Hackle: Dark Dun or Grizzly

Comment: *Excellent early spring pattern for the Nissitissit. Easy to tie. You can substitute hackle fibers for the wing but the deer/elk floats better. This should be one of the first flies we see in the late winter, not that far away.*

Tom

Annual Dinner

Saturday, March 1st

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Upcoming Events

January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th, Juro Mukai

The Fly Fishing Show, January 17th to 19th at the Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro, MA

February Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th, Mike Rosser - "Wildlife of Tanzania and the Serengeti"

Annual Dinner

Saturday, March 1st, James Prosek

March Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th, Mike Martinek

April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 22nd, Angus Boezeman

May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 27th, Speaker TBD

"... an angler's nature is shaped by his immersion in waters and the treasures within."

Juro Mukai

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.

January Meeting

Tuesday the 28th at 7:00 p.m.

with

Juro Mukai

Presenting

Stripers and Sand

President's Message

Everyone should clear their calendar for March 1st, our Annual Dinner is just around the corner. It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since the last one. If you were at last year's, you can recall what a successful event it was. I hope this year's event will be equally successful, and with your continued support I expect it will. Remember this is the event that funds the chapter for the year and its success is critical to our financial survival.

We should have a raffle as impressive as last year's and our speaker James Prosek should put on an excellent presentation.

We need volunteers to help with the set up, clean up and serving of the dinner.

Any members who have a connection for raffle donations, your help would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Tom Towey

Chapter News



• Former Officers Honored

Three of our long time officers were honored at the December meeting. Norm Sheldon, Dana Gray and Al Rosinski were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the chapter and Trout Unlimited. Each has held numerous positions on the board and remain very active in chapter activities. All three have just relinquished their office to newly elected officers. The honorees were presented with a copy of James Prosek's book *Trout*. I'm sure they are looking forward to having their books autographed at our Annual Dinner in March.

• MA/RI Council Update

Last September we reported the council had voted to adopt the creation of a new Millers River chapter of TU. That action was appealed by the Deerfield/Millers chapter because there wasn't a quorum present to take a binding vote. An apparent quorum was present at the council meeting on December 1, and the proposal was approved by vote a second time. However, the Deerfield/Millers Chapter has again challenged the decision sighting: 1) an appeal was in



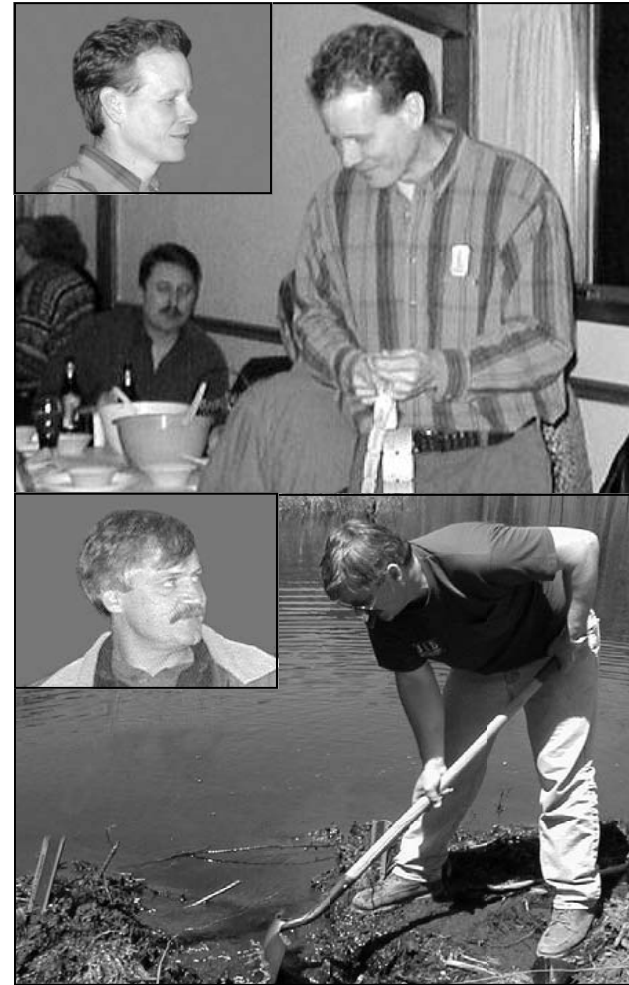
Above: Tom Towey presents Norm Sheldon with a copy of James Prosek's book "Trout" for his many years of service to the chapter. Right Top: Al Rosinski selling raffle tickets at last year's Annual Dinner. Right Bottom: Dana Gray clearing a drain pipe near the Universal Access Site in Townsend.

process without final determination; 2) there was not proper notice given; 3) lack of a quorum; and 4) other impact to pre-existing chapters.

The council also voted to modify the definition of a quorum. A binding vote now requires 2/3 of active chapters be present. A chapter is considered present by having at least one delegate in attendance.

Annual Dinner

James Prosek will be the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner. Hailed as "the Audubon of the fishing world" by the New York Times for his debut book of watercolor portraits of trout, James Prosek is an artist, fisherman and author. At age 25 he has five books to his credit, *Trout: An Illustrated History* was published when he was 19 and an undergraduate at Yale. *Trout* has sold over 80,000 copies. His second book *Joe and Me* has sold over 40,000 copies. James has been featured in numerous magazines including People, Life, Sports Illustrated and Sports Afield. He has also been featured on several television programs such as NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw and CBS Sunday Morning.

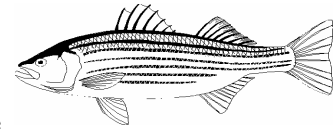


Fly-Fishing the 41st, his latest book and title of his presentation, describes his two year fishing journey around the world at 41° north which is the latitude of his hometown Easton, Connecticut. The trek takes him through Spain, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Kyrgistan, China, and Japan. The book portrays his experiences with peoples of diverse cultures and a common admiration of angling.

In addition to literary works, his watercolors are highly sought after and he is a noted storyteller.

We are encouraging the membership to support our fundraiser by attending this year's dinner. Members are welcome to bring significant others and friends to this inspiring event. James Prosek, along with the variety of quality raffle items assembled, promises to make this year's dinner the best yet.

January Speaker



Juro Mukai will be presenting "Stripers and Sand" at our January meeting. Juro guides on the flats of Cape Cod from May through the season where he has been chasing game fish since the 70's. He's also lived in the pacific northwest's salmon and steelhead country swinging a Spey rod before returning to striper country in the mid-90's. He founded a worldwide internet based flyfishing community known as the **Worldwide Flyfishing Forum**. You'll find him during every good tide out on Monomoy and Brewster Flats where sight fishing is the game. Juro is not a new speaker to our chapter. He spoke at one of our meetings a few years back.

Squannacook-Nissitissit Watersheds Chosen for Source Water Stewardship Project

The Squannacook-Nissitissit Rivers sub-basin has been chosen as one of four sites nationally as the subject of a Source Water Stewardship Project. This project will be managed by the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) and the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA), with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Squannacook-Nissitissit sub-basin was selected for this project given the high quality water supply presently existing in the watershed but also considering the development pressure being felt in the area. The Nashua River Watershed Association's Five Year Plan states that the Squannacook-Nissitissit sub-basin is characterized as "relatively pristine watersheds but sensitive to encroaching development".

TPL and the NRWA are working with the University of Massachusetts to complete detailed data analysis and modeling work to identify which watershed lands should receive the highest priority for conservation, what areas are most in need of restoration using riparian forest buffers, and where storm water management practices are likely to yield the greatest improvements in water quality.

The ultimate goal of this project is to increase the percentage of permanently protected priority lands that impact these waters and increase the stewardship of the remaining unprotected lands.