

## Fly of the Month

“Le Bug”



Hook: Tiemco #2487, size 16-18  
Thread: To match body color  
Rib: Thin gold wire segmented  
Body: Olive, tan, or grey, fine dubbing  
Thorax: 3 strands peacock herl  
Head: Partridge soft hackle  
3/32" bead head optional for  
variance on the pattern



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## Trout Unlimited: Our Core Values

As part of this newsletter's attempt to share with our members the highlights of TU's new Strategic Plan, we will continue to spotlight TU's core values. An organization's core values are usually defined as its essential and enduring beliefs, its deepest principles that form the bedrock of its aspirations and its efforts.

In 2003, as part of the development of a new Strategic Plan for the organization, TU codified its core values for the first time. They are five in number. We continue where we left off last year at value number 4.

### Trout Unlimited - Core Value #4

#### Commitment to Members

*We owe our uniqueness to a passionately committed, diverse, volunteer network of members who pursue our mission in their local councils and chapters. We will sustain this member network through representative governance and a continuous commitment to grassroots support, learning, and development.*

## 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.*

## September Meeting

Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

with

**Charlie Shadan**

presenting

**Budget  
Montana**

## President's Message

Welcome back to another rapidly approaching fall and hopefully a fine end to a wonderful fishing season. We certainly had plenty of water this summer, which helped to maintain the Squannacook River's



health throughout the hot August days. Ray [Gagnon] and I ventured to the river on August 31<sup>st</sup> and were surprised and energized to find plenty of water, cool river temperature and some rising trout!! We're going back real soon.

We have an unprecedented slate of items to present to everyone this year including a list of presenters already scheduled for the year, which should contain something for everyone's interest. We have concluded our board's work on the chapter's long-range plans and will be presenting it to our membership for inspection and input.

We hope to have monumental involvement by members to foster the programs and bring them to fruition. We'll need your help to be as successful as we can be. In October, at the monthly meeting, we'll be laying out the defined programs for all to see. Please don't miss this meeting, bring your friends, members and non-members, to check out our ambitious schedule of events. **Mark your calendars**, make our October monthly meeting the "can't miss event" of the season!

In September, at the monthly meeting, there will be a prize given for the best fishing story of the summer. Be prepared to tell your finest hook straightening, leader breaking, acrobatic fish jumping story and win a prize!! We'll all be voting on your lie!!

Chaz

## Chapter News

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all had a great summer. The new season promises to be

filled with exciting events and a rejuvenated focus for our chapter. Thanks to the relentless efforts of Charlie and Ray we have a terrific line up of presentations for the year. The highlight of these will be at our annual banquet where Lefty Kreh will be our featured speaker! Stay tuned for details. We're looking forward to seeing all our friends again at the September meeting.

### • News from the Spring

The chapter was proud to sponsor a Brookline, NH Boyscout to camp this past summer. The BOD voted unanimously to fund the week long outing at a cost of \$260.

## September Program: "Budget Montana"

You say you've always wanted to fish Montana, but you thought it was too expensive? Well, join us as we begin our new season on a high (country) note with a program that will show you, in detail, how fishing Montana may just be within your budget after all.

Our own inimitable and irrepressible Squan-a-Tissit Chapter President, Charlie Shadan, will hold forth – as only he can – on how to put together a week-long, multiple-river Montana fishing trip for under \$1,000 excluding airfare. Charlie will cover where to go, where to stay and where to fish, as well as show photos from his most recent trip.

This promises to be one of the most informative and entertaining programs of the year. So don't miss it! *And bring a friend!*



*Chapter members and visitors enjoying lunch at our "Day on the River". The event was held on the Squannacook River last June.*

## 2004/2005 CHAPTER PROGRAMS

*Mark your calendars!!*

*Bring a friend and/or a possible new member!!!*

Here is our slate of speakers for this year. It promises to be an entertaining and informative series of monthly meetings, so plan to be with us!!!

### September 28, 2004

"Budget Montana" with our own Charlie Shadan. (See article in this newsletter for details.)

### October 26, 2004

"Members Sounding Board" meeting. If you are serious about supporting our chapter, you cannot miss this meeting. Chapter leadership will share with you a long-term plan, developed over the spring and summer months. This represents the heart of what TU is all about. Come hear about our plan for real volunteer conservation action and, most of all, come ready to sign up to help!

### November 23, 2004

"TU on 'the Hill' and at the Grass Roots" with Steve Moyer, TU National's Vice President for Government Affairs and Volunteer Operations. Steve reports to Charles Gauvin, works on Capitol Hill advocating for TU causes and also manages TU's volunteer network nationwide. He'll give us the ultimate insider's view from the top. Not to be missed!

### December 28, 2004

Holiday Pizza/Beer. No formal program. Come join in the holiday cheer with all your chapter friends. As usual, we'll have our raffle and plenty of holiday good cheer!

### January 25, 2005

"A Week on the Connecticut & Rapid Rivers" with our own chapter members Stephen Howard and Ray Gagnon. Come banish those winter doldrums! Stephen and Ray will regale us with pictures and stories from a trip they took just this past June.

### February 22, 2005

Mass. Div. of Fisheries and Wildlife "Land Acquisition Program," with Dennis McNamara. Dennis, who is responsible for land acquisition for MA F&W, will

educate us on this important program of great relevance to us in preserving land along our two rivers.

### March 22, 2005

Jack Smola, "Fishing the Westfield River." Just in time for spring and for our own council meeting on the Westfield in May. Jack, one of the area's premier guides, will hold forth on how to fish the Westfield like a pro. Just the thing to banish your dose of winter cabin fever!

### April 26, 2005

"A Report on New England River Restoration Projects," with Jim McCartney, River Restoration Specialist. Jim has long been associated with TU and divides his time between work for TU and for the National Park Service in the northeast region. He'll give us an illustrated overview of significant restoration work done here in our own northeast home-river area.

### May 24, 2005

"The National Wild & Scenic Rivers Program" with Charlie Tracey and Jamie Fosburgh of the National Park Service. Come hear these two representatives from NPS talk to us about this important conservation program with which we at Squan-a-Tissit may be getting involved. Our chapter is in the process of exploring whether or not we can get support for our rivers through this initiative.

*And don't forget!!!*

*Back again this year by popular demand.*

*Special Spring Event:*

### Saturday, May 14, 2005

"Casting Demonstration and Clinic" with Bill Cairns. We held this event last year for the first time, and it was extremely well-received by all who attended. Bring your fly-rod and get some professional tips on how to improve your casting! Bill is a Master Caster and a member of the Board of Governors for Certification of Fly Casting Instruction, Federation of Fly-fishers. Don't miss this outstanding event in a spectacularly appropriate, outdoor setting!