

Upcoming Events

November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 23rd

Steve Moyer, TU V.P., Chapter Elections

December Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, December 28th

Holiday Pizza Party and Raffle

January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 25th

Stephen Howard & Ray Gagnon, "A Week on the Connecticut and Rapid Rivers"

February Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 22nd

Dennis McNamara, MDFW, "Land Acquisition Program"

March Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, March 22nd

Jack Smola, "Fishing the Westfield River"

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Fly of the Month

"Bead Head Bi-Color"



Hook: Tiemco #3761, size 16 - 20

Rib: Thin gold wire (over abdomen only)

Abdomen: Green (light & med), tan, or brown dubbing
(Charlie's favorite is green)

Thorax: Muskrat gray dubbing

Head: 3/32 gold bead

Tail: Dark brown hackle (1/2 body length)

Comment: *"Deadly on the Squannacook!"*

Trout Unlimited - Core Value #5

Quality People

In the pursuit of our cause, our most important resource is our people – both staff and volunteers – who sustain and support each other's work.

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 26th at 7:00 p.m. Squan-a-Tissit Long Range Plans & Member's Sounding Board

President's Message

With the changing leaves, colder temperatures and shorter days comes the thoughts of fishing coming to an eventual close. Maybe my yard work will slow down. I sure hope so! Fly tying and overhauling my gear are next on the "to be done" list. Boy do I abhor winter!



October's monthly meeting will feature our long range plans and eventual direction that the chapter will embark upon. This meeting harkens your participation and attendance as it will prove to be the most important meeting of our year long schedule. Please make every effort to attend and provide our chapter with your input and opinions on our long range plans. We need your spirit of volunteerism and participation in signing up for the initiatives going forward that we will need help with if we are to attain success with these programs. Bring a friend, come with a fellow member to see and hear what lies ahead.

Also, we will be nominating members for our Board of Directors positions including president, vice president, treasure and secretary as well as other positions.

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of one of our more colorful, passionate and friendly members Ernie Matseas. Ernie passed away in late September. He will be sorely missed.

The Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers were each stocked in late September with 575 twelve inch Rainbows. "Go get em", but be sure to leave some for me!

On October 23rd we will be conducting a river cleanup/fishing day on the Squannacook in West Groton rain or shine. We need help, please sign up for a fun day. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the chapter. Bring a friend, relative, fellow chapter member, etc. and help clean our river and enjoy a great day of fishing. I promise to reveal some secret holding spots on

the "Squanny" guaranteed to have fish!

Hope to see many of you on the 23rd for the clean up and again on the 26th for our most important meeting, the rollout of our long range plans.

Chaz



Fall River Cleanup

The chapter will hold our annual fall work day on Saturday, October 23rd. The main work activity will be walking the banks of the Squannacook and removing trash. We will meet at the Bertozzi area gate (Townsend Rd., West Groton) at 9:00 am. Charlie will bring the customary coffee and donuts. If there is sufficient turnout we will send a team to the Niss as well. Workdays typically last about 2 hours leaving plenty of time for some wonderful fall fishing afterwards.



Pepperell Springs Preservation

Our chapter is donating \$5,000 to the Pepperell Springs Preservation Project. The project is a partnership effort to preserve a 265 acre forested tract in Pepperell for its watershed, forest habitat, recreational, and historic values. The property, locally known as Belmont Springs, is bisected by Gulf Brook, a tributary of the Nissitissit River. The land is currently under agreement for \$3.2 million most of which will be funded by the Town of



Squan-a-Tissit's Annual Dinner Banquet Saturday, April 2nd

with guest speaker

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Keep this date open on your calendar!

Pepperell, Forrest Legacy and Foundation Grants. The balance of approximately \$325,000 is being raised from private donations such as the one from our chapter. If sufficient funds are raised by November 2004 the Town of Pepperell will gain ownership of the property. The state will maintain a conservation restriction to ensure permanent protection from residential development and insure public access to the property for future generations. The BOD felt this project was in line with TU's mission and voted to financially support the effort. More information about the project can be found at www.savepepperellsprings.com.

Chapter Elections!

Nominations for chapter officers will be heard at the October meeting. Nominations are open for all offices. The election process is very important because it will determine the future direction of our chapter. Please make every effort to participate. Any chapter member can run for office or nominate an individual for office. Final elections will be held during the November meeting.

Special Format October Meeting: "Members Sounding Board"

This is a special plea from your TU Chapter leadership:

Please be sure to join and help us at our unique member's meeting on Tuesday, October 26th where you will have the chance to review and get involved in our chapter's Long-Range Plan.

Last spring our Board of Directors began this planning process by identifying a long list of possible initiatives we could undertake as a chapter. We classified, refined and prioritized those items until we identified what we

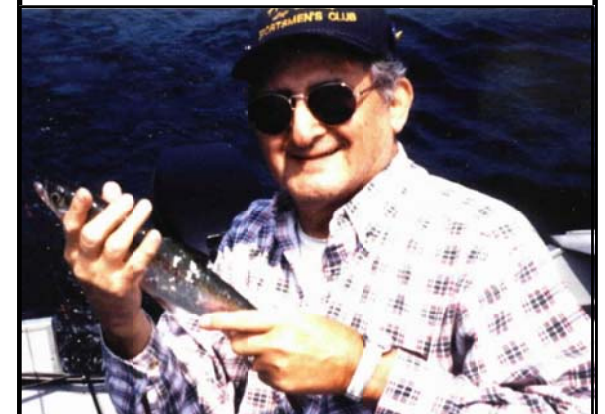
believe should be a set of Long-Term Goals to ensure our viability and success as a cold-water conservation organization.

Next, under each of those Long-Term Goals, we identified what we believe are the most critical, high-priority projects that need our attention over the next few years in order to; a) ensure our effective stewardship of the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers and b) maintain our solid position among the other chapters in the Mass/RI TU conservation community.

Now it's time to share this work with you and to ask for your help. We'll be presenting real project ideas and asking you to do what TUer's have always done: volunteer your time to help the cause of "conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."

Please be there and come ready to lend a hand!

Ernest Matseas 1931 - 2004



Our chapter suffered a very sad loss with the passing of Ernie Matseas on September 27. Ernie was quite an enthusiastic member of the chapter, always willing to offer suggestions and advice. He often shared with us stories about his many fishing adventures. He was a talented fly tier, a terrific sportsman and he will be deeply missed. His family has requested any memorial contributions be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 495 Old Connecticut Path, Suite 220, Framingham, MA 01701.