

Upcoming Events

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"

Annual Dinner Banquet
Saturday, April 2nd
Dinner, Raffles, and special guest Lefty Kreh

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Fly of the Month

"Halfback"

Hook: Tiemco #3761, size 14 - 16
Thread: Black or brown
Tail: A few wisps of pheasant tail
Body: Peacock herl (4 Strands)
Rib: Dark brown palmered hackle
Shellback: Partridge tail feather
Thorax: Peacock herl palmered with dark brown hackle



Trout Unlimited - Our Goals

*Increase public awareness of TU and it's mission.
Strengthen TU's leadership in cold water conservation.
Better integrate and enhance the development of the TU team.
Diversify and grow sources of revenue.
Achieve financial stability and security.*

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 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Moyer

Presenting

"TU on The Hill and at the Grass Roots"

President's Message

The chapter conducted an initial rollout of our long range plans during the October meeting. The content and direction were well received by those in attendance. Many members stood tall to the task and volunteered their time and efforts to helping see that our projects eventually reach a successful conclusion. As chapter president I was gratified to view the involvement of members, both new and old. We are on the rise! Our membership is growing, our participation is expanding, and our enthusiasm is infectious. The board of directors plans to continue to present our plans for your examination and opportunity to join any project that attracts your attention. Stay tuned and don't miss the upcoming monthly meetings.



This month is most important for our future direction. It's nomination time for chapter elections. Come participate and help design our slate of candidates. You can be part of the team.

On behalf of our board and my family I would like to extend a warm wish for a wonderful Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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November Meeting

Our November speaker will be Steve Moyer, TU National's Vice President for Government Affairs and Volunteer Operations. He'll give us the ultimate insider's view from the top in his presentation "TU on 'the Hill' and at the Grass Roots".

Steve heads up TU's volunteer operations program and works closely with the conservation staff to integrate TU's conservation agenda with its grassroots work. He's also TU's specialist on Capitol Hill, where he works for clean water and

fish-friendly legislation before Congress and other government agencies. Steve assists TU members with their state and local advocacy efforts and develops and implements TU grassroots advocacy campaigns. Prior to joining TU, Steve led advocacy efforts at the National Wildlife Federation on behalf of fisheries and wetlands. He holds a B.S. in Wildlife Management from the University of Maine and an M.S. in Fisheries Science from Virginia Tech.



Chapter Elections!

In order for the membership to better prepare for the upcoming elections, the BOD has moved nominations for chapter officers to the November 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 December meeting.

Squan-a-Tissit Long Range Plan

Our new Long Range Plan was rolled out at the October meeting. The plan includes a set of Long-Term Goals to ensure our viability and success as a cold-water conservation organization. In addition, critical projects were described that need our attention to ensure effective stewardship of the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers.

Despite stiff competition from game three of the World



Members sign up to participate in projects.

Series the meeting was well attended. Our membership embraced the plan by pledging strong support for the selected projects. Below is an outline of our Long Term Goals and the high-priority projects associated with each of them. More detailed information is available in the attachment to this newsletter and on our web page. We need a lot more involvement from our membership. Please consider participating in these activities. If you want to find out more about the plan and projects, come to one of our monthly meetings or contact the leader of the project(s) you're interested in. **Squan-a-Tissit needs your help!**

Squan-a-Tissit's Annual Dinner Banquet

Saturday, April 2nd
with special guest speaker
Lefty Kreh
Pencil TU in on your calendar!

Squan-a-Tissit Chapter

LONG-TERM GOALS AND SUPPORTING PROJECTS

GOAL I: CONSERVATION

Preserve, protect and restore the Nissitissit and Squannacook watersheds through better scientific understanding and partnership with other conservation groups.

- Project 1: **Map watershed locations for native brook trout**
- Project 2: **Conduct Gulf Brook and river cleanups**
- Project 3: **Monitor water temperatures and flows for the Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers on a year-round basis**

GOAL II: MEMBERSHIP

Grow, diversify and activate our membership.

- Project 1: **Install membership chair, recruit diverse membership and activate passive members**

GOAL III: EDUCATION/COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Promote awareness of watershed issues through educational outreach to children and adults living in our membership area.

- Project 1: **Extend the "Adopt-a-Salmon" Program to every school/town in the Squan-a-Tissit watershed**
- Project 2: **Streamline chapter "snail-mail" to "email"**

GOAL IV: FINANCE

Grow our chapter's financial base to enable us to support more significant conservation initiatives.

- Project 1: **Implement strategies for increasing annual banquet revenues by 10% per year for the next three years**
- Project 2: **Increase yearly tradeshow revenues by 15% each year for the next three years.**