

Upcoming Events

Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition
February 10th - 13th at the DCU Center (formerly Worcester's Centrum Centre)

February Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, February 22nd
Dennis McNamara, MDFW, "Land Acquisition Program"

World Fly Fishing Expo
Saturday - Sunday, March 12th - 13th
Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

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

April Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, April 26th
Jim McCartney, "A Report on New England River Restoration Projects"

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Fly of the Month

"San Juan Midge Pupa"



Hook: Tiemco #2488, size 22 - 26
Head: Pearl glass bead
Thread: Black, 8/0 or 14/0 (preferred)
Rib: Thin gold or silver wire segmented and spaced
Body: Black thread built up toward bead

Trout Unlimited - Core Value #1 Healthy Watersheds & Clean Water

We are committed to ensuring quantities of cold, clean water sufficient to sustain healthy fish populations and to watershed restoration and wise fisheries.

Monthly Meeting

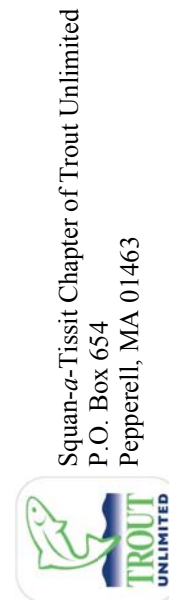
The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and 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.

February Meeting
Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 pm
with
**Dennis
McNamara**
on
**Land Acquisition
Programs**

President's Message

As the breeze directed my cast 8 to 10 feet from it's intended target, I began to follow it's drift away from any possible notice by the trout I was working over. As I picked up my line slowly, by now it was out of harm's way, I retracted my cast and directed it toward my prey once again. This time I compensated for the elements and landed my dry three feet in front of his nose. As it drifted toward his exact feeding lane my pulse increased, my palms moistened and my expectations of a memorable fish ensued. This guy had evaded me all season, losing him on two previous occasions. This time I was ready, willing, and able to show him who's boss! His nose pecked through the surface film, his mouth opened wide and my hors d' oeuvres was lodged somewhere in his upper lip. The run, the tug, the run, the jump, the run and attempt at freedom were everything I was ready for. The day was 75 degrees, the winds were brisk and the water was perfect in temperature and depth. The stars were aligned and all my work was behind me for the week. What I wasn't prepared for was the sudden startling ringing of my alarm signaling that it was only a dream and that this winter was getting to me. Please go away Old Man Winter so that I can realize my dream and finally bring him to net.

Chaz



Chapter News

• Annual Banquet

Preparations are underway for our Annual Dinner Banquet and Raffle. The dinner will be held at the Pepperell VFW on April 2nd with Lefty Kreh as our featured speaker. Lefty is one of the biggest names, if not *the best* name, in fly fishing and we are predicting ticket demand to reach the full 160 seat capacity of the hall. Because we do not want to turn people

away at the door, the BOD has decided to offer advanced ticket sales. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 16.

In addition to speaking at the dinner, Lefty will conduct a limited seating seminar before the banquet on "Fighting and Landing Big Fish". Only twenty five seats will be available to spend two hours with Lefty. The chapter is sponsoring this event for only \$40 per person.

Tickets for both events are being sold on a first come first serve basis. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly recommended. Tickets are available at our monthly meetings, BOD meetings, trade shows (when Squan-a-Tissit is manning the TU booth) and by reservation. For ticket reservations contact Charlie Shadan at 978-448-6740.

• Raffle Sponsors Needed

Our annual raffle is known as the best among local TU chapters and similar organizations. The main reason for this is the number of quality items donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Over the past few years many of our business supporters have closed or stopped donating. The chapter needs to replace this shortfall with new contributors. We are asking all members to look for potential sponsors among business associates, merchants, vendors, friends, or any other source. If you are aware of a potential supporter please let us know, we can help inform them about our mission

and solicit them to become new advocates. Please help us keep our raffle at the level to which we are accustomed. Remember this is our number one source of fundraising for conservation.

• Chapter LTP Projects

More help is needed in support of our Long Term Plan (LTP). Please consider participating in one or more of the activities. Detailed information on all current projects is available on our web page or by talking directly with the project leads at any of our gatherings.

• Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition

The Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition will be held this year on February 10th through the 13th at the DCU Center (formerly Worcester's Centrum Centre). Our chapter will be manning the TU booth on Thursday, the 10th from 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm and on Friday, the 11th from 12:30 pm to 9:30 pm. If you are at the show stop by and see our team in action. We're also in need of more help selling flies and raffle tickets. If you want to help, contact Charlie at 978-448-6740 or just show up and tell them you're there to help. More information on the show is available at www.sportshows.com.

• Publishing Help Needed

We're still looking for help publishing the annual banquet booklet. If you have desktop publishing

capability and can help, please contact Peter Hennessey at 978-392-7950.

• February Speaker

This month's program will focus on MA. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's "*Land Acquisition Program*," with Dennis McNamara. Dennis is responsible for land acquisition at MA F&W. His presentation is of considerable relevance to us in preserving land along our two rivers. Come out to the meeting and hear the latest news!

About Lefty Kreh

An active outdoor writer for more than 45 years, Lefty has written for almost every major outdoor magazine in the country, and many abroad. He is the retired outdoor editor of the "*The Baltimore Sunpapers*" and holds a staff position on several outdoor magazines.

He has been given the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the American Sportfishing Association, has been honored with the "Lifetime Contribution Award" by the North American Fly Tackle Trade Association and is also in the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. In 1997 he was named "Angler of the Year" by Fly Rod and Reel Magazine. Lefty has served a number of years as Senior Advisor to Trout Unlimited, the Federation of Fly Fishers and in addition to serving on many other conservation boards has received a number of honorary awards from such organizations. Lefty has fished in all 50 of the United States, in every province of Canada, over much of South America, the South Pacific, Europe, Iceland, and many other countries.

He is a consultant to Temple Fork Outfitters, Scientific Angler, World Wide Sportsman, and endorses Hobie Sunglasses. He is the author of a number of books on fly fishing and photography, and has taught fly casting and fly fishing techniques since the early 50s. For ten years he taught advanced nature photography and fly casting for the National Wildlife Federation at the Outdoor Summit Conferences around the country.

Lefty is proud of the fact that he has been married for more than 50 years to his best friend, Evelyn, whom he says has made it possible for him to pursue his career in fishing.

Get up close and personal with the legendary

LEFTY KREH

LIMITED SEATING - INTERACTIVE SEMINAR

"Playing and Landing Big Fish"

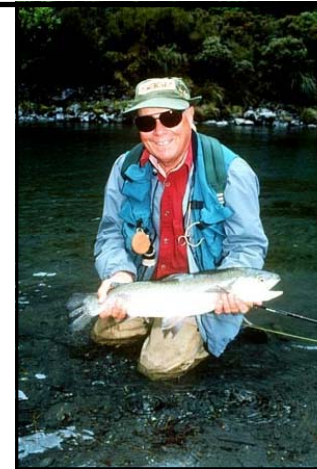
Tricks and techniques for making sure your trophy fish not only gets hooked – but caught!

Plus this bonus segment: Personal tips from the Master, himself, on maximizing the tensile strength of your line by tying the knots you typically tie even more effectively!

All this in a small, intimate, limited-attendance setting with Lefty Kreh, the biggest name in fly-fishing!

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

**ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED!!
ONLY 25 TICKETS SOLD!
GET YOURS NOW!**



**Saturday, April 2, 2005
From 2 pm to 4 pm
VFW Hall, Pepperell, MA**

Tickets: \$40.00