

## Upcoming Events

### World Fly Fishing Expo

Saturday - Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>  
Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, MA

### March Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jack Smola, "Fishing the Westfield, Deerfield and Farmington Rivers"

### Annual Dinner Banquet

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dinner, Raffles, and special guest Lefty Kreh

### April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jim McCartney, "A Report on New England River Restoration Projects"

### Fly Casting Clinic with Bill Cairns

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Win Duke Farm,  
Pepperell, MA

**Indian Hollow Fishing/Camping Trip & MA/RI Council Meeting**, Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, through Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## Fly of the Month

### "Ice Chopper"

Hook: Size 1000  
Thread: Heavy  
500 lb Wire  
Eyes: 500 lb Dumbbells  
Body: 250 lb Granite Rock  
Thorax: 30 lb Palmered Titanium  
Wing: 2771 Lead Strips



*Note: This should get my fly through the ice and snow!*  
Author: Mr. Seasonal Adjustive Disorder

## Trout Unlimited - Core Value #2

### WILD & NATIVE TROUT & SALMON

*Healthy populations of native and wild fish are the best indicators of watershed health, and we are committed to the protection and restoration of these fish where ecologically sustainable.*

## 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.*

## March Meeting

Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

with

## Jack Smola

presenting

*"Fishing the Westfield, Deerfield and Farmington Rivers"*

## President's Message

We are fast approaching our annual banquet on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lefty Kreh should prove to be an informative and exciting evening full of new ideas, laughter and overall rewarding festivities. Sales of banquet tickets as well



as seminar tickets are progressing well. There is only room for 160 people at the banquet hall so it is imperative that if you are planning on attending this memorable show that you get your ticket early. As chapter president, I would hate to see you show up at the door and not be able to attend because all seats are full. Lefty's two hour seminar prior to the banquet is being held downstairs in the small meeting room from 2-4 pm. Only 25 tickets will be sold for this intimate, informative and "hands on" seminar dealing with proper techniques of fighting big fish and landing them successfully. As an added bonus he will discuss knot tying and its importance in your ability to maximize your knot strength. My suggestion is that you try and attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting to buy your ticket(s) so that you may be able to view, possibly for the last time, one of the true remaining visionaries of fly fishing - Bernard "Lefty" Kreh. If you cannot make the meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the VFW, you can contact me at 978-448-6740 to make arrangements to purchase tickets through the mail. I hope our membership "rises" to the occasion and sells "the joint out!" Your participation at this function will ensure that we can carry on with all of the services and benefits that we have tried to provide monthly to our chapter. This year's raffles and silent auction items are shaping up to be our best ever. Our traditional rocking chair, kayak, fly rods, flies etc. are already in hand waiting for some lucky winners. Don't forget to bring your kids along as tickets for children under 16 have been reduced to \$15.00. As a board we have

attempted to design a banquet that will "make a memory" for all attendees. Come be part of an event that will be sure to rival any previous chapter banquet from all standpoints. The entertainment, food, hospitality and camaraderie will leave everyone with a sense of goodwill and fun.

Chaz

## Chapter News

### • Annual Dinner Banquet & Raffle

Preparations are underway for our annual dinner banquet and raffle. We are in need of volunteers to set up dinner tables, prepare raffle tickets, serve dinner, and afterwards teardown and cleanup. If you'd like to help out with any of these tasks sign up at our March meeting or come to the Pepperell VFW on April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 1 pm and 4 pm.

### • More Raffle Sponsors Needed

New sponsors are still needed for banquet raffle items and time is running short. 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 and we will solicit them to become new donors. 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 efforts.

### • Fundraiser Donations

Those soliciting items for the fundraiser, the deadline for confirmation is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Peter Hennessey and Mike O'Connor on all items secured. This is necessary for us to prepare and mail the fundraiser booklets in time. Items can be collected up to the start of the banquet.

### • World Fly Fishing Expo

The World Fly Fishing Exposition will be held this year on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington, MA. Our chapter will be manning the TU booth on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please come out to the show and support our chapter. More information on the expo is available at [www.sportshows.com](http://www.sportshows.com).

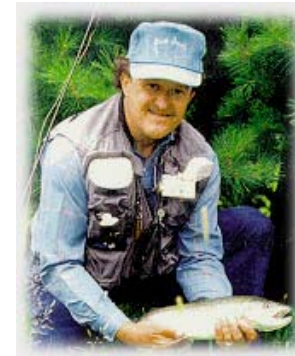
### • Fly Raffle Winner

The winner of the fly assortment raffle drawn at the Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition in Worcester last month was Tim Lampinen of Rindge, NH. Congratulations Tim and thanks for supporting Squan-a-Tissit!

## March Speaker



Jack Smola will present "Fishing the Westfield, Deerfield and Farmington Rivers". One of New England's premier guides will give special emphasis to



fishing the Westfield as we anticipate our up-coming council meeting at Indian Hollow. As a bonus, Jack will share his strategies for successfully fishing the Deerfield River, in spite of the unpredictable flows of recent years. Rounding off his

presentation will be Jack's advice for fishing perhaps New England's premier river, the Farmington, in Connecticut. Just the thing to banish your dose of winter cabin fever!

## Annual Dinner Banquet

This year's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The banquet is one of the best social events our chapter has to offer. The evening begins at 5 o'clock with a social hour. Most of this time is spent socializing with friends, buying raffle tickets and investigating the diverse array of quality raffle items offered. All the items are laid out on tables with a bucket next to each item. You can place as many raffle tickets as you would like in the bucket for the item you are interested in. The more tickets you put in each bucket the better your chance of winning that item. At 6 o'clock our traditional spaghetti dinner is served. There is plenty of good food for all along with the company of friends, new and old. At 7 o'clock Charlie Shadan gives his welcome and introduces our speaker for the evening. After the presentation there is another half hour or so for a last chance to purchase raffle tickets and at 8:30 we begin to pick the winning tickets from each bucket. We urge all our member to take advantage of this enjoyable evening and to support our chapter. Bring a few friends along or come alone, we promise a great time.

Our featured speaker this year will be Lefty Kreh. Lefty will also be conducting a seminar before the banquet on "Fighting and Landing Big Fish" and on knot tying. The 2 hour seminar will start at 2 pm in the downstairs meeting room. Tickets are being sold now for both events at the monthly chapter meetings or by contacting Charlie Shadan at 978-448-6740.

## Squan-A-Tissit Chapter's 20th Annual Benefit Spaghetti Banquet

featuring the legendary

**Lefty Kreh**

*"Why We Fish"*

**Saturday evening April 2, 2005**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall - Leighton St. Pepperell, MA**

Social... 5:00 Dinner... 6:00 Presentation... 7:00 Cash Bar

**Tickets... \$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for persons under 16**

**Raffles! Auction! Limited Seating! (160)**

**Advance ticket purchase suggested!**

