

Fly of the Month

“Yellow Hornberg”



Hook: Mustad 7950, Size 8 to 16
Thread: 6/0 Black
Body: Gold or Silver Mylar Tinsel #10, double wrapped. (Start at the eye with tinsel and wrap to the bend, then over-wrap back to the eye.)
Under Body: Golden Pheasant Crest (used with traditional Mallard feather, not necessarily with yellow).
Side Wings: Yellow, Red, Green or Black dyed Mallard feathers.
Eyes: Jungle Cock Feathers (optional)
Hackle: Grizzly, tied back

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Upcoming Events

Fly Casting Clinic with Bill Cairns

Saturday, May 14th at Win Duke Farm, Pepperell, MA

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

May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 24th
Charlie Tracey & Jamie Fosburgh,
“The National Wild & Scenic Rivers Program”

Chapter's “Day on the River”

Saturday, June 4th on the Nissitissit

September Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th



Last Newsletter for the Season

The B.O.D. wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Your next newsletter will arrive in September. For news and updates during the summer months visit the chapter website at <http://www.squanatissit.org>.

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.

May Meeting
Tuesday the 24th at 7:00 pm
with
Charlie Tracey & Jamie Fosburgh
presenting
The National Wild & Scenic Rivers Program

President's Message

As our spring rains begin to subside and the bugs re-emerge from their winter siesta, we begin to prepare ourselves and our gear for another season of trout fishing on our favorite streams, rivers, lakes, etc. I can only hope that



everyone who likes to fish avails themselves of the rich waters we have all around us. When your work seems to be swallowing you up, when your yard work has you in a tizzy - go fishing!! All of the concerns we have centered around our existence will be put on hold for a day. There will be no phones, there will be no mindless conversations with people who can wait in the first place, only you with nature and a beautiful, clean, crisp body of water at your feet. Your mental health is as important a remedy for success as any component might be in your life. Allow yourself to step from the "fast lane" to the "breakdown lane". I'm sure you'll enjoy the view!! When you're releasing that beautiful fish during the day make a pact with it and nature that you'll surely be back before too long!

Chaz

Chapter News

• Annual Dinner Update

This year's banquet was an outstanding success. Chapter treasurer Tom Towey will present the financial details at the May meeting.

• Stocking Update

Both the Niss and the Squannacook have been considerably stocked as well as the local ponds. For more info go to the Mass Wildlife website at www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfwtrout.htm.

• Willard Brook Seminars

Our own Eino Kauppi, a Townsend resident who has successfully taught fly fishing on the Squannacook River for more than 15 years will

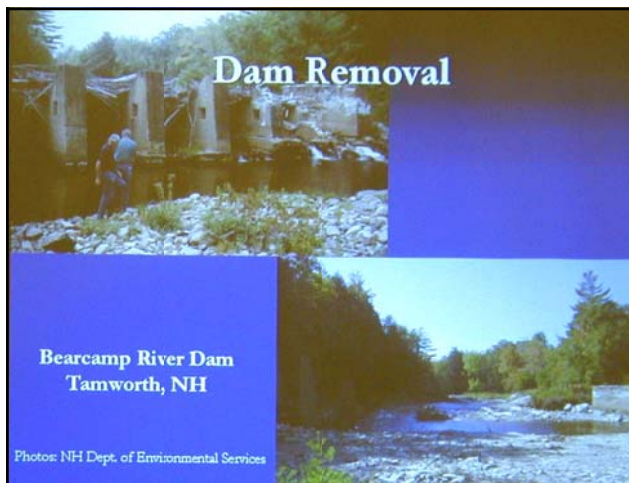
be conducting seminars this summer as part of the Friends of Willard Brook event series. A **Fly Fishing Seminar** will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 am. Eino will give an overview of the sport of fly fishing, including the aspects of casting, equipment, the fish's environment, and the practice of good conservation. Afterward at 1:00 pm, Eino will host a **Beaver Hike** exploring beaver habitat. Learn about the beaver's life history, its habitat, and its role in nature.

If you can't make the May 28th date, each of these events will be repeated on June 18th. All events will meet at Pearl Hill State Park parking lot on New Fitchburg Road in West Townsend. More information is available at www.willardbrook.org.

April Presentation



Jim McCartney, TU/NPS river restoration specialist gave a very informative presentation on the process of river restoration. His discussion covered all aspects of a project including stream degradation, evolution of restoration, resource values, goals, objectives, agency and organization involvement, feasibility and cost. Jim stressed the main trend in any restoration is to mimic nature. This was evident in a case study involving the Bearcamp River dam removal in Tamworth, NH. After planning and permits the only physical work required was removing concrete pillars of the dam. Once this was complete the river did everything else. The information presented will be useful to our chapter in planning and executing our future restoration projects.



The Bearcamp river in Tamworth, NH before and after the 2003 dam removal project.

16th Annual "Day On The River"

The *Squan-a-Tissit* Chapter's 16th annual "Day on the River" will take place on Saturday, June 4th. This outing is intended to be a way for the chapter to thank it's membership for their support and assistance throughout the year. All members of the chapter, their families and friends are invited to attend at no cost. The event coincides with Massachusetts' free fishing weekend, so no fishing license is required.

The day will begin at 9:00 am at the Colombo Area, Brookline Street, Pepperell, MA. Drive west on Brookline Street from Rte 111 and look for the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Colombo Area sign on the right side of the road. Walk in next to the metal gate and follow the path to the river, a distance of about 100 yards.

Coffee, muffins, donuts, etc. will be available to start the day. A noontime cookout at river's edge will feature hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill, salads and desserts. Cold drinks will be available through the day. A prize will be awarded at noontime for the biggest fish caught during the morning.

As in past years, this will be an excellent opportunity for folks unfamiliar with the river to be paired with skilled veterans to learn how to fish the river. So come out for a day of relaxation and fun on the Nissitissit and experience the positive results of "Catch and Release" firsthand. Springtime is a wonderful time of year to be on the river, whether fishing, observing nature, telling fish stories, eating, or just sitting and relaxing. You'll enjoy any or all of them!

May Presentation

Our May meeting will feature "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 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.

Indian Hollow Camping and Fishing Weekend

The MA/RI Council's camping/fishing trip will be held Friday, May 20th through Monday, May 23rd at Indian Hollow campground in Chesterfield, MA. Reservations

are not required and there is no fee. The campground is located right on the beautiful Westfield River and is equipped with restroom facilities, a hot shower and fresh water. The area adjacent to the campground is designated "Catch and Release" and usually gets a healthy stocking by MA Wildlife just prior to the event. For more information contact Tom Towey at 978-453-1729.

Fly Casting Clinic

The chapter has made arrangements again this year for Bill Cairns to provide our members with a free "hands on" fly casting clinic. Bill is a master caster and member of the Board of Governors for Certification of Fly Casting Instruction, Federation of Fly-fishers. In 1967 he was the founding instructor of the first fly-fishing school in America, the Orvis Fly-fishing School.

Bill will give a casting demonstration and then it's our turn to cast with Bill providing pointers. The clinic will be on Saturday, May 14th at Win Duke's farm in Pepperell, MA, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The event will be held rain or shine. Children are welcome. Bring your favorite fly rod and get some professional advice on your casting stroke!

Directions:

Win Duke Farm, 84 Jewett Street, Pepperell

From the north and Pepperell center:

Head west on Route 113 (Main Street) through the rotary. One mile past the rotary turn right onto Willow Street and then take an immediate left onto Jewett Street. Stay on Jewett Street 1.2 miles to Win Duke's farm.

From Groton and points east:

Head west on Route 119. Turn right onto Route 113 east in Pepperell. Two tenths (0.2) of a mile turn left onto Shattuck Street. Turn right in nine tenths (0.9) of a mile onto Jewett Street. Win Duke's farm is two tenths (0.2) of a mile on Jewett Street.

From Townsend and points west:

Head east on Route 119. Turn left onto Route 113 east in Pepperell. Two tenths (0.2) of a mile turn left onto Shattuck Street. Turn right in nine tenths (0.9) of a mile onto Jewett Street. Win Duke's farm is two tenths (0.2) of a mile on Jewett Street.