

## Upcoming Events

### Nissitissit River Cleanup

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am  
Columbo Area, Pepperell, MA

### October Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Bill Cairns - Master Fly Caster

“Fishing the Trout Streams of Southern Vermont”

### MA/RI Council Fundraiser

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Marlboro Fish and Game

### November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

### December Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Pizza and Raffle

### January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

David Kaplan - author of local fishing guides

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## Fly of the Month

### “Silverado”

Hook: Tiemco 2488, Size 20-24

Thread: Gray or black 14/0

Body: Fine silver Lagartun varnished French tinsel 3/4 way up the hook length.

3x-4x monofilament (tippet) closely wrapped (side by side) over the tinsel

Thorax: Gray or black dubbing

*Tyers Note: Silver wire can be used in place of tinsel.*



### Trout Unlimited - Our Vision

*By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.*

## Monthly Meeting

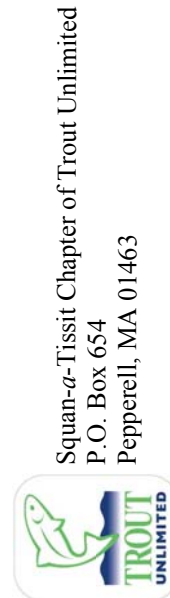
The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

with

## Bill Cairns

presenting

## “Fishing the Trout Streams of Southern Vermont”

## President's Message

As you look back upon our chapter's history of success it is clear that among our many strengths has been our level of volunteerism and participation during chapter programs and functions. Your leadership positions on the Board of Directors are about to undergo a huge transformation due to term expirations and a scale back of duties from other board members. Our chapter needs everyone to do some soul searching and see if you can free up some time to participate as a chapter officer or Board of Director member. I'm asking all our members to come to the October member's meeting to participate in our discussion of how you see our chapter moving forward with new leadership at the helm. Please show up with ideas and possibly a commitment to join the board and help drive the organization through the next set of goals and endeavors. Here is a real chance to help the ecology, participate in conservation minded duties, have some real fun and gain the personal satisfaction of knowing that your efforts help make the "third rock from the sun" a better place to be. Mark your calendars - October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - Pepperell VFW. I'm asking for a record turnout of members. Please be there ready to participate and join the board. We all need everyone's help!

Chaz



## Chapter News

### • Meeting Dates Changed

The December meeting dates have been changed to avoid conflict with the holidays. The BOD meeting will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The members meeting will be one week later on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



### • Fall Stocking

The state has advised us they plan to carry out a year end stocking in our area before Columbus Day. There are plenty of fish in both the Niss and the Squannacook so don't hesitate to wet a line if you get the time.

### • MA/RI Council Banquet

The MA/RI Council will hold it's annual fundraiser banquet on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm. The event will be held at the Marlboro Fish and Game.

### • Save the Rapid Donation

The BOD voted unanimously to donate \$500 to the "Save the Rapid" project. The donation will be matched dollar for dollar by Orvis and the NFWA raising our effective contribution to \$1500. Our donation was announced to Jeff Reardon (see *Save the Rapid Article*) at the members meeting.

### • Fall River Cleanup

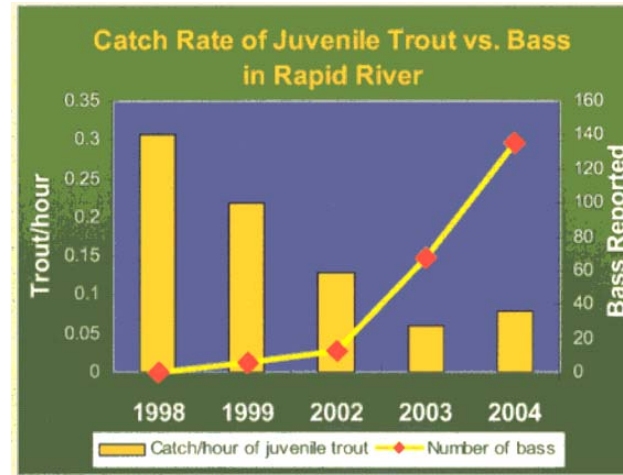
The chapter will hold a workday on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The main activity for the day will be installing a new gate at the Colombo area entrance-way. In addition, we will be walking the river banks to remove trash. The day will start at the Colombo area gate (Brookline St., Pepperell) at 9:00 am. Charlie will bring the customary coffee and donuts. Work efforts are expected to last 2 to 3 hours. After the project is done many members plan to stay and enjoy some wonderful fall fishing on the Niss.



## Save the Rapid

Jeff Reardon, New England Region, TU Field Representative presented the very latest on efforts to save the wild brook trout fishery of Maine's storied Rapid River. The project is named "Save the Rapid".

Maine's Rapid River has been a destination for brook trout anglers since the 1850's. The river has long been famed for producing brook trout measured in pounds rather than inches. Unfortunately, smallmouth bass, illegally stocked in the 1980's, have invaded the Rapid. Catch rates for smallmouth have grown exponentially, while catch rates for juvenile brook trout are beginning to decline. A bucket full of bass has left fishery



managers scrambling to halt the invasion. Working with the state of Maine, a coalition of local anglers and conservation groups has formed to address the problem. Unfortunately, there is no known method to eliminate bass from the Rapid River. However, Save the Rapid is committed to finding ways to manage the bass population, reduce impacts on brook trout, and maintain the fishery for wild brook trout. We are in the early stages of this effort, but the following action items are underway.

### Barriers to Further Bass Invasion.

Upstream habitats including Richardson, Mooselookmeguntic, and Rangeley Lakes must be protected.

### Experimental Bass Management.

Flow manipulation, along with targeted harvest and other techniques, are being investigated.

### Harvest.

Special regulations encourage harvest, with no size or bag limit on bass. Land-locked salmon rules have been liberalized.

### Education.

Signs have been printed warning of the dangers of illegal fish stocking and will be distributed at every water access site in the Rangeley Region.

### Brook Trout Protection.

Catch and release. Spawning and refuge areas have seasonal closures. No development in Rapid River Corridor. Watershed survey to identify threats to habitat.

## Chapter Elections!

Nominations for chapter officers will be heard at the October meeting. The election process is very important because it will determine the direction our chapter takes over the next year and beyond. 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.

Positions up for election this year:

Officers:	Board of Directors:
President	3 Director positions (1 yr term)
Vice President	1 Director position (2 yr term)
Treasurer	Membership Chairman
Secretary	Webmaster

## October Speaker

Bill Cairns, who has for two years running now delivered a spring casting demo and clinic for our chapter to rave reviews, returns as our October guest speaker to offer an illustrated slide talk on "Fishing Southwestern Vermont Streams." As a resident of the Manchester, VT area, Bill will give us the very latest on the renowned Battenkill, whose plight has been so controversial of late, along with updates and tips about the Mettawee and Walloomsac. In addition, he may touch upon the Black and other streams. Don't miss an opportunity to get educated about these nearby Vermont streams, just in time for fall fishing!



Bill Cairns discusses casting techniques with chapter members.