

Upcoming Events

Annual Dinner Banquet

Saturday, March 25th

Dinner, Raffles, and special guest Juro Mukai

April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th

Peter Schilling, Fishing for Salmon

Indian Hollow Fishing/Camping Trip & MA/RI Council Meeting, Friday, May 19th, through Monday, May 22nd

May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 23rd

Martha Morgan and Kathryn Nelson from the Nashua River Watershed Association

Chapter's "Day on the River"

Saturday, June 3rd on the Niss



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Fly of the Month

WD-40

Hook: Tiemco 2488 #16-#24
Thread: Black
Tail: Wood duck or dyed mallard
Body: Black thread
Thorax: Black superfine dubbing built up to a pronounced, bulky thorax
Wingcase: Pull the wood duck over the dubbing and tie off



Trout Unlimited - Core Value #4

Commitment to Members

We owe our uniqueness to a passionately committed, diverse, volunteer network of members who pursue our mission in their local councils and chapters. We will sustain this member network through representative governance and a continuous commitment to grassroots support, learning, and development.

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.

Annual Fundraiser

**Saturday the 25th
starting at 5:00 p.m.**

with

Juro Mukai
*"Great Fishing
Adventures"*

Annual Dinner Banquet

This year's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 25th. As always it is shaping up to be the best social event our chapter has to offer. Activities will begin at 5 o'clock with a social hour. This time is well spent mingling 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 buckets for the items that interest you. The more tickets you put in each bucket the better your chance of winning that item. There will be "silent auction" items including guided trips, illustrations and fly selections tied by chapter members. Due to the success of the live auction held last year it will be repeated for a handful of specially selected items. All this in addition to the kayak raffle!

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 Juro Mukai will present "Great Fishing Adventures" that is guaranteed to have everyone chomping at the bit to wet a line. Juro is a certified FFF casting instructor, Monomoy flats guide and founder of the Worldwide Flyfishing Forum. He is a contributing author in several magazines and a generous supporter of TU and our mission.

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 members 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.



Chapter News

- **Annual Dinner Banquet & Raffle**
Almost all efforts this month are focused on preparations for the dinner banquet. For those of you soliciting items for the fundraiser, please bring all donated items to the VFW hall

between 1pm and 4 pm the day of the banquet. Volunteers are needed to set up dinner tables, prepare raffle tickets, serve dinner, and cleanup afterward. If you'd like to help out with any of these tasks, come to the Pepperell VFW on March 25th between 1pm and 4 pm.

• Remember...

No members meeting in March. The next meeting will be on April 25th.

Squan-A-Tissit Accomplishments

You may be wondering why so much effort is put into the annual fundraiser. Well, quite simply, it is the main source of revenue generation for funding the chapter's conservation projects. Our chapter has long been an advocate for fisheries conservation throughout the Squannacook and Nissitissit River basins. The following is a list of the chapter's accomplishments over this past

year. As you can see there is a lot going on. So much so that many of us have even been forced to cut back on our fishing! Please keep these accomplishments in mind when asked to support chapter function like the fundraiser dinner. These activities are a significant benefit to the health of our watersheds.

- Constructed a secure entrance gate to the Henry Columbo Wildlife Management Area along the Nissitissit River at the request of MA Fisheries and Wildlife and at chapter cost.
- Monitored and documented instances of environmental damage caused by unauthorized motorized vehicles within the Henry Columbo Wildlife Management Area. At the request of MA Fisheries and Wildlife the chapter has posted "No ATV" signs within the Wildlife Management Area.
- Contributed significant funding and volunteer support to the efforts to save the Pepperell Springs property in

Pepperell, MA from development. This property includes over ½ mile of frontage on Gulf Brook, a major tributary of the Nissitissit River, and a stream which supports a population of native brook trout.

- Worked with MA Fisheries and Wildlife to install water flow gauges on the Nissitissit River and Gulf Brook. Water withdrawal from our streams remains a major environmental issue for Massachusetts, and these gauges will help establish baseline information for what constitutes normal flow regimes.
- Began implementation of a local plan in support of Trout Unlimited's national "Bring Back the Brookie" program. The Brook Trout is New England's one native trout species, and true wild fish are becoming increasingly rare as development and other environmental issues impact their habitats. The chapter has begun surveying tributary streams of the Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers with assistance from MA Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, so as to identify local populations of wild fish. The chapter purchased and installed in-stream temperature monitoring devices to record crucial water temperature data.
- Continued sponsorship of "Adopt-A-Salmon Family" environmental education program for fourth through seventh grade classes at the Nissitissit Middle School in Pepperell, MA, the Groton-Dunstable Middle School in Groton, MA, the Reilly School in Lowell, MA, and the Brookline NH Elementary School (representing over 200 school children annually). The program is run by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The chapter provides aquariums, chiller units, filters, miscellaneous materials and volunteer classroom assistance.
- Chapter members are providing volunteer water sampling services to both the University of Massachusetts Acid Rain Monitoring Program and the Nashua River Watershed Association Water Quality Monitoring Program.
- Conducted riverbank clean-ups along the Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers.
- Assisted the MA. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the NH Fish and Game Department by "float-stocking" the Nissitissit River.

**Squan-A-Tissit Chapter's 21st
Annual Benefit Spaghetti Banquet**

featuring

Juro Mukai

"Great Fishing Adventures"

Saturday evening March 25, 2006

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

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

Tickets... \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for persons under 16

Raffles ! Auction ! Limited Seating ! (160)

Advance ticket purchase suggested !

