

## Upcoming Events

### April Chapter Meeting

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

Peter Schilling, Fishing for Salmon

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

### May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Martha Morgan and Kathryn Nelson from the Nashua River Watershed Association

### Chapter's "Day on the River"

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Niss

"... an angler's nature is shaped by his immersion in waters and the treasures within."

*Juro Mukai*

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# Squan-a-Tissit's Day on the River

## Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>



Starts 9:00 am at the Henry Colombo Area

### 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.*

**April Meeting**  
**Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
featuring  
**Peter Schilling**  
**Fishing**  
**for Salmon**

## Annual Dinner Banquet

The chapter would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's fundraiser such a huge success. The evening was filled with lots of terrific food, entertainment and raffles. Juro Mukai regaled us with a wonderful presentation on fishing adventures from the Great Northwest to the Canadian Maritimes to the Caribbean. His presentation included pictures of beautiful fishing destinations and videos of thrilling fishing action. Raffle items this year were as diverse as ever. In addition to the normal bucket raffle, there were special raffles for a Heritage fishing kayak and a handsome Sage 5 weight rod and reel outfit. There were many more silent auction items this year including numerous fly selections tied by chapter members. The very successful live auction included a beautiful oil painting "Blueberry Barrens" created by our own Bob Grady, guided fishing trips, tackle, waders, and instructional courses. For the first time ever we held a special children's auction, where everyone under 16 was a winner. Children's prizes included sports equipment, fishing



*This year's winner of the "Member's Only" rod drawing, Norm Sheldon, shown here with his new 5 piece Redington rod & reel outfit. Congratulations Norm!*

## Trout Unlimited - Core Value #5

### Quality People

*In the pursuit of our cause, our most important resource is our people – both staff and volunteers – who sustain and support each other's work.*

outfits, tackle boxes and tee shirts. Mixed in between were numerous door prizes and giveaways. The chapter was very successful in replenishing our coffers and everyone had a delightful evening. The monies raised will be put to good use on chapter activities in the upcoming year. The list enclosed with this newsletter identifies our generous supporters. Please make a special effort to patronize these businesses and acknowledge their kindhearted donations, they make all our conservation activities possible.



*"Blueberry Barrens"*

## Chapter News

### • Anadromous Fish Truck

The chapter donated \$250 to the TU Anadromous Fish Truck Committee in New Hampshire to aid the Merrimack River Salmon Program with the purchase of a new truck. Their old truck was in need of significant repair work and it was decided a new truck was a better solution. The new truck costs \$45,000. Funds collected are being matched three to one by the federal government.

### • Fly Rod Raffle

If you didn't win that new fly rod you've been after at the fundraiser, don't panic because we still have tickets available for our Thomas and Thomas Paradigm, 2 piece, 3 weight, rod raffle. Tickets are available at members meetings and on the day of the raffle, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at our "Day on the River" outing.



## April Speaker

Peter Schilling, long-time TU Boston chapter member, will present an illustrated slide lecture on fishing for salmon. Spend an evening with us as Peter takes us



through a season of salmon angling, from New England to Nova Scotia. He'll cover the Matapedia, Matan, Margaree, Merrimack and Penobscot Rivers. Join us for this great tour and wide-ranging view into the fascinating world of salmon fishing.

## Fly of the Month

### March Brown Nymph



Hook: Nymph hook size 8-12  
Thread: Brown  
Tail: Three pheasant tail fibers  
Rib: Fine gold wire  
Body: Amber/brown dubbing  
Wingcase: Pheasant tail fibers  
Thorax: Amber/brown dubbing  
Legs: Partridge

*Note: March Brown nymphs cling to rocks and boulders in fast well-oxygenated runs, crawling to slower waters close to shore to hatch.*

## Angler's Guide to Trout Fishing in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts/Rhode Island Council has released the revised edition of "An Angler's Guide to Trout Fishing in Massachusetts" just in time for the spring fishing season. The Guide, considered by most to be the bible of trout fishing in Massachusetts, has been off the market for five years, while revisions were in progress.

"One-third of the revised edition is new material," according to Bradford Voight, President of the Greater Boston Chapter and one of the book's editors. "With the passage of time, some of the material in the old book, which was originally published in the early 1980s, became dated. We wanted to address that issue, and include new write-ups on certain streams and ponds. We are delighted with way the new book looks and with its content, and think it will be even more useful to fisherman."

The Guide includes rivers, streams and ponds across the state. It includes maps with access points and techniques to be successful for fly fisherman and for those using bait and other artificial lures. Most of the material has been contributed by local anglers who have experience on these local waters. The Guide also includes fly patterns, information on hatches at various times of the year, and tips specific to many of the individual pieces of water covered.

"One of the great things about this Guide is that for the most part, it has been written by people with experience fishing these waters. It's the kind of local knowledge everyone hopes to find by talking to someone with experience on that river, stream or pond," according to Mr. Voight.

Noted Massachusetts artist Alan James Robinson contributed the cover art for the Guide, which features the state's native brook trout on the front, and a beautiful brown trout on the back.

The book sells for \$ 19.95 and is available at our members meeting or at local fishing tackle supply stores.

