

## Fly of the Month

### The Black Caddis



Hook: Dry fly size 12-18  
Thread: Black  
Egg Sack: (optional) Bright green dubbing tied in at the hook bend  
Body: Black dubbing  
Wing: Black elk hair  
Hackle: Black or dun

*Note: Caddis are a must in any fly box, especially if you plan to fish the Squannacook. At times, the addition of the egg sack in this pattern is just to much for the trout to resist.*

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## Upcoming Events

**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 NRWA

**Chapter's "Day on the River"**  
Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Niss

**Red Brook Family Day 2006**  
Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
10 am to 3 pm at the Lyman Reserve

**September Chapter Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

### Trout Unlimited - Our Goals

*Increase public awareness of TU and it's mission.  
Strengthen TU's leadership in cold water conservation.  
Better integrate and enhance the development of the TU team.  
Diversify and grow sources of revenue.  
Achieve financial stability and security.*

### 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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# Squan -a- Tissit 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.*

**May Meeting**  
**Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

featuring  
**Martha Morgan**  
**Kathryn Nelson**  
**NRWA**  
**Water Quality**  
**Monitoring**

## Message from the Board

Although this month marks the official end of another successful season for our chapter, we still have several exciting activities ahead of us. The weekend before Memorial Day, May 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the MA/RI council's Indian Hollow fishing and camping trip. Immediately following on May 23<sup>rd</sup> is our last member's meeting and then, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we end with the chapter's "Day on the River".

This is the last newsletter until our September issue when we will be reminding you about Red Brook Family Day on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and our next member's meeting on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The B.O.D. wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. For news and updates during the summer months visit the chapter website at <http://www.squatitissit.org>.



## Chapter News

### • Universal Access Work Day

The chapter will be holding a workday at the Universal Access site off of Old Meetinghouse Road in Townsend on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am.



We will be repairing one of the casting platforms and smoothing out potholes in the parking area in addition to normal riverside trash removal.

Please plan to come out and support this activity. With enough hands we can finish this job in a few hours and have the rest of the day to wet a line.

### • River Stocking

The Nissitissit and Squannacook rivers received another round of stocking by the state last week. Our chapter aided in the effort by float stocking the fly fishing only area of the Niss. For more stocking updates go to Mass Wildlife's website at [www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfwtrout.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfwtrout.htm).

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Day On The River"

The *Squan-a-Tissit* Chapter's 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Day on the River" will take place on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 new 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. We will also be drawing the winning ticket for the chapter's rod raffle. This is the beautiful, Thomas and Thomas Paradigm PA803, rod we have been selling tickets for since January.

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 Martha Morgan and Kathryn Nelson from the Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA). They will present Water Quality data that the NRWA has collected on the Nissitissit River, the Squannacook River and Gulf Brook going back to the early 1990's. It will be interesting to hear about any trends (positive or negative) or of any specific problem areas they see that would impact the integrity of the cold water fisheries in those streams.



## Indian Hollow Camping and Fishing Weekend

The MA/RI Council's camping/fishing trip will be held Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Indian Hollow campground in Chesterfield, MA. No reservations are required and there is no fee. The campground is right on the beautiful Westfield River and is equipped with restroom facilities, a hot shower and fresh water. Most campers bring tents but trailers ranging from pop-ups to fifth wheels will be there also. The Westfield River offers some of Massachusetts' best trout fishing. 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 and directions contact Tom Towey at 978-453-1729.



Campsite at Indian Hollow

## Red Brook Family Day 2006

This year's fundraiser for Red Brook will be held, as usual, at the Lyman Preserve from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on September 17<sup>th</sup>. A barbeque will be followed by bucket raffles, a silent auction and a kayak raffle drawing. Raffle donations, volunteer help, and most importantly, your attendance and generosity are needed.

There will also be a short ceremony to dedicate the Charles Lyman and Henry Lyman Memorial Angler's Shelter. This project has been funded by donations from TU chapters across Massachusetts, among them, Cape Cod, Worcester, Pioneer Valley, and SE Mass. The Angler's Shelter will honor the memory of Charles Lyman and Henry Lyman, tell the Red Brook story, and inform visitors about the life history of the salter brook trout.

Funds from past Red Brook Family Days have been used to help maintain the Lyman Preserve and have been instrumental in procuring grant funding for Red Brook's restoration. This year alone, grants awarded to Red Brook amounted to \$40,000.

We look forward to seeing you at Red Brook on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Warren Winders  
TU Red Brook Director

*More on Lyman Reserve and Red Brook:*

*The Theodore Lyman Reserve was established in 2003 and consist of 210 acres at the mouth of Red Brook on Buttermilk Bay. Red Brook is a 4.5 mile spring fed, freshwater stream and is home to native sea run brook trout known as "salters". Iron rich soil deposits at its source tint the water red giving Red Brook its name. More information on The Lyman Reserve can be found at [http://www.thetrustees.org/pages/330\\_lyman\\_reserve.cfm](http://www.thetrustees.org/pages/330_lyman_reserve.cfm).*

*Late September is probably the best time to visit Red Brook, Buttermilk Bay, and the Cape Cod area. The tide of tourists has receded for the year, and the fishing for striped bass, bluefish, and false albacore is at its peak. The Cape Cod Canal and Buzzards Bay are only minutes from Red Brook. On occasion, bass and bluefish can be seen blitzing right up into the mouth of Red Brook.*