

Fly of the Month

The Peanut Bunker



Hook: TMC 600SP size 1 to 4/0
Thread: White
Body: Tan Ultra Hair (or similar material) over white with 6-8 strands of Krystal Flash in between
Eyes: Large prismatic eyes
Head: Epoxy coat head and eyes. Spread the body material to show a wide profile.

Note: October is striper month along our beaches with peanut bunker being the most prevalent baitfish.

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Upcoming Events

October Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th
Todd Richards, "Northeast Brook Trout Restoration"

MA/RI Council Fundraiser

Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 pm
Holiday Inn Marlboro, Rt. 20 East off Rt. 495

November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th
Ray Gagnon, "Amateurs in Yellowstone Country."

MA/RI Council Meeting

Sunday, December 3rd at 10:00 am
Holiday Inn Marlboro, Rt. 20 East off Rt. 495

Trout Unlimited - Our Mission

*To conserve, protect and restore
North America's coldwater fisheries
and their watersheds.*

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.

October Meeting

Tuesday the 24th at 7:00 pm

Featuring

Todd Richards

presenting

"Northeast Brook Trout Restoration"

Visitors Welcome!

Chapter News

• Fall Stocking

The state has completed their year end stocking in our area. The Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers were each replenished with over 700 Brown Trout in the 11 to 15 inch



range at the end of September. A total of 54,000 fish were stocked among the five Mass Wildlife Districts across the state.

• MA/RI Council Banquet

The MA/RI Council will hold it's annual fundraiser banquet on Sunday, November 5th, at 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Marlboro, Rt. 20 East off Rt. 495. Auction and raffles will be held after dinner.

• Fall River Cleanup

The chapter will hold a workday on either Saturday, October 28th or November 4th at the Universal Access Area on Old Meetinghouse Road in Townsend. The final date will be announced at the October members meeting and posted on the chapter web site. The main activity for the day will be laying gravel in the parking lot and walkway areas. In addition, we will be walking the river banks to remove trash. The day will start at 9:00 am. Tom will bring the customary coffee and donuts. Work efforts are expected to last 2 to 3 hours. After helping with the project you can



take advantage of some wonderful fall fishing on the Squannacook!

• Meeting Date Changed

The December member's meeting has been changed to avoid conflict with the holidays. The meeting will take place on the third week of December, Tuesday the 19th.



October Presentation

Todd Richards will be advising us on the status of the Brook Trout Restoration Project in Massachusetts. Todd is an aquatic biologist with Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife. Brook Trout occupy less than half their original range in our state and have been described as the "canary in the coal mine" when it comes to water quality. They have been eliminated from 7% of their historical range in Massachusetts and greatly reduced in another 28% of habitat that formerly supported them. Population status is unknown across an additional 42% of the historical range. Todd states, "While these results are sobering, we are already pursuing many opportunities for conservation of remaining high quality habitat as well as restoration of impaired streams. Our collective challenge is to protect the best remaining habitat and restore the rest." Come out to our October members meeting and hear more about what actions are underway to restore this native species in Massachusetts.

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 are:

Officers:

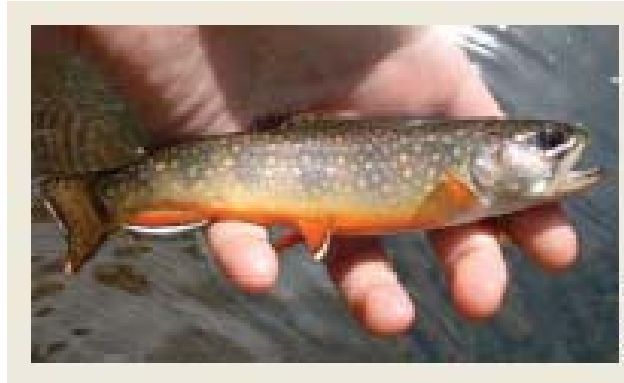
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Board of Directors:

3 Director positions (1 yr term)
1 Director position (2 yr term)
1 Director position (3 yr term)
Membership Chairman

Brook Trout Survey

Members of our chapter have been monitoring local streams in the Nissitissit Watershed for wild Brook



Trout. We have walked various brooks looking for favorable habitat, noting dams and culverts which impact the water quality. We are asking members to fish the streams and note which Brook Trout are caught, any spawning activity or the presence of redds, a cleared spot on the stream bottom containing gravel where the female lays eggs for the male to fertilize. Please note their size, the stream in which they were caught and the general location. This information will help us better understand the habitat and water quality needs for Brook Trout. Some streams to fish are Sucker Brook, Gulf Brook, Beaver Brook, Rocky Pond and Stewart Brook. Enjoy a day out tramping the woods while the foliage is changing; catching a wild Brook Trout is a memorable experience. The Brookies are small but their beauty is immense, these trout are wild and native and deserve to live on and on forever. Data collected can be emailed to Michael Rosser or brought to any of the chapter meetings.



Fishing in Chile

Andy Bonzagni, owner of Concord Outfitters, gave a slide show presentation on fishing in Chile at the last member's meeting. His trip was based out of El Patagon Lodge on the Rio Figueroa River. The two things evident right away were the quality of the fishing and the spectacular scenery. The rugged landscape is filled with breathtaking views and pristine waters. Most of the fishing consisted of floating the various rivers with a horseback trip mixed in. Andy provided us with tips on traveling to this area and what to expect once you are there. If you are looking for an extraordinary fishing experience in the dead of our winter you may want to consider a trip to Chile. Andy will be running a trip to El Patagon this winter. For information he can be reached at 978-318-0330.

