

Fly of the Month

Blue Wing Olive (BWO)



Hook: Standard dry size 14 to 24
Thread: Olive
Tail: Dark blue dun hackle fibers
Body: Olive dubbing fur
Wing: Dark blue dun hackle tips
Hackle: Dark blue dun

Comment: This fly imitates a number of Mayfly species. BWOs emerge throughout the season and are found in many sizes. Body color changes from dark olive when they emerge to light olive when they leave the water.

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Upcoming Events

The Fly Fishing Show
January 19th to 21st at
The Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlboro

January Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, January 23rd
Flemming Lund, "A Trip to the Faroe Islands"

Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition
February 8th to 11th at the DCU Center

February Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th
Pat Huckery, "Moose in Massachusetts"

Trout Unlimited - Core Value #3

Stewardship & Advocacy

As stewards for future generations, we employ sound science and work cooperatively with a broad spectrum of interests in defending and advocating for our natural resource legacy.

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.

January Meeting

Tuesday the 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

with

Flemming Lund

presenting

"A Trip to the Faroe Islands"

Visitors Welcome!

Editor's Note:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you and your loved one's had a terrific holiday season. This past year seemed to go by so fast. All the rain in the spring delayed the beginning of our trout season and the striper fishing never developed to the levels to which we have grown accustomed. Maybe we'll get back to a more normal cycle this year but I'm a bit skeptical based on the unusually mild start to winter.

The BOD is looking forward to another successful year of conservation projects with a little fishing mixed in. Over the next few months our focus will be preparing for the fundraiser banquet on March 24th. This is one of our most important events because it provides us with funding to run the chapter and local conservation projects, not to mention it's always a lot of fun. As the weather breaks in the spring we'll be getting our hands dirty working streamside maintenance projects and assisting Mass Wildlife with stocking the Nissitissit and Squannacook rivers. As summer approaches, our "Day on the River" will close out activities until autumn when we prepare for our next round of elections. There will be plenty of activities sprinkled in between such as efforts supporting our long term goals, trade shows and the Indian Hollow camping trip.

We are eager to increase the membership this year with more active recruiting and would like to see more of our membership come out to chapter events and meetings. If you haven't been able to participate in the past, now is the time to make that new year's resolution to support cold water conservation, make a few new friends and have an enjoyable time doing it.

January Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Flemming Lund presenting "A trip to the Faroe Islands, traveling and fishing adventure to a little know country".



Flemming grew up in Ribe, Denmark. Although he lived in an area with plenty of trout waters to fish, it was not until a family reunion in Vermont about 17 years ago that he got hooked on fly-fishing. While working for the Danish Volunteer Services in Tanzania, Africa, from 1981 to 1984 he met his wife from Sudbury, MA. The couple moved to the USA in 1985 and started a family. During a reunion in July 2005 at the Faroe Islands, Flemming and his two brothers from Denmark spent time traveling and fishing this unique and little known country. The Faroe Islands are located in the North Atlantic Ocean about 250 miles directly north of Scotland and offer excellent trout and salmon fishing.

Chapter News

• Annual Dinner Banquet

Marcia and Mark Wilson will be the featured speakers at this year's fundraiser. The Wilson's are famous for their "Eyes on Owls" program, an educational presentation that includes several live owls. The banquet will be held on Saturday, March 24th at the Pepperell VFW.

Fly Fish New Hampshire

~ *Fifth Annual* ~

New Hampshire's ONLY Fly Fishing Show

March 3 and 4, 2007

at Pelham Fish and Game Club

March 3 9am-4pm Admission \$7.00

March 4 9am-3pm 12 and under Free

www.merrimacktu.org

• Upcoming Fly Fishing Shows

Our Chapter will be present at two Fly Fishing shows this year. The first will be "The Fly Fishing Show" on January 19th through 21st at the Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlboro. We will be manning the TU booth on Saturday, the 20th from opening to 1:00 pm. More information is available at www.flyfishingshow.com.

The second show is the "Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition" on February 8th through 11th at the DCU Center in Worcester. We will be at the TU booth all day on Friday, the 8th. More information is available at www.sportshows.com. Stop by the TU booth and see our team in action. If you would like to help us work either of these events, please contact Tom Towey before the show.

Junior Conservation Camp

Each summer, the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife sponsors a unique outdoor educational experience called Junior Conservation Camp. This two week overnight summer camp for girls and boys 13 to 17 years of age offers a program of conservation education and instruction in outdoor recreation skills. It introduces youth to the ethical concepts and knowledge essential to a lifetime of properly enjoying our natural resources and the leisure activities that depend on their careful stewardship. Some of the subjects include: forestry, soil conservation, wildlife management, archery, orienteering, basic camping, swimming, canoeing, fishing, rowing, kayaking and much more. The program is operated by Mass Junior Conservation

Camp, Inc. with the assistance of state and local environmental agencies. This year's camp is scheduled for August 5th through 17th and will be hosted at the Chesterfield Scout Reservation on 521 acres near Scout Pond in Chesterfield, MA.

Every year our chapter sponsors a fully paid scholarship (\$550) for a child or relative of a



chapter member. If you have a young person in mind that would like to attend this camp, please contact Tom Towey at (978) 453-1729. The deadline for application is May 2nd. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis so let us know as soon as possible to reserve a space. Additional information on the camp can be found at www.juniorconservationcamp.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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