

Fly of the Month

Soft Hackle
Pheasant Tail



Hook: Wet fly size 10-16
Thread: Black
Rib: Gold, copper or silver wire
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen: Pheasant tail fibers wrapped 2/3 up the hook shank
Thorax: Peacock herl
Hackle: Brown partridge

Comment:

Working this fly just below the surface, across and down current with a slow retrieve is deadly.

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Upcoming Events

Red Brook Family Day 2007
Sunday, September 16th
10 am to 4 pm at the Lyman Reserve

September Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 25th
Michael Hackney, "Everything About Leaders"

October Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, October 23rd

November Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, November 27th

Trout Unlimited - Our Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

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.

September Meeting

Tuesday the 25th at 7:00 pm

Featuring

Michael Hackney

presenting

"Everything About Leaders"

Visitors Welcome!

Welcome back! We hope you had an exciting summer. The chapter's new season kicks off with our members meeting on the 25th. We're lining up another outstanding group of speakers, projects and activities this year and we're looking forward to having all of you participate. The local fishing has slowed a bit with the lack of rain over the past few weeks but relief is just around the corner and the fall saltwater action is about to heat up. Stop by our meeting, get together with your fishing buddies and tell us about your summer fishing activities.

Norman L. Sheldon

The chapter received some very sad news in the passing of Norm Sheldon. Norm was a long time member and a former chapter director. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His wife, Barbara asked that we share the following with the membership.



An open letter to the Membership of the Squan-A-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Dear Russ:

It saddens me deeply to send along this message to inform you - and the members of the Squan-A-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Pepperell - that my husband, Norman, passed away on the 28th day of August after a very serious illness of more than a month.

Please convey my warmest feelings to the gentlemen of Trout Unlimited - his "fishing buddies" - for all their kindness to him during these past years, especially as it became increasingly difficult to "navigate" as he would put it - Jerry Lubenau's attention and care to his needs getting back and forth to meetings just knew no boundaries. Jerry was always there!

You and Norm, Russ, had been close friends for so many years and I believe you knew how very deeply he treasured the aims and

commitment of everything about Trout Unlimited, and our own Littleton Conservation Trust where he had served as one of its Board of Directors for 29 years.

So very many wonderful memories of the "Day on the River" each spring, the many projects such as constructing the wheelchair ramp, the clean-up weekends, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and raffle, and most special to his heart, going along on the bus, each spring with the Dunstable "fifth-graders" to the Souhegan River in New Hampshire, where they would free their tiny "Salmon Treasurers" in an effort to help restore this fish into its once flourishing surroundings. He truly believed in the natural order of everything in nature, as do I.

Thanking you for your attention.

Very sincerely,

*Barbara
(Mrs. Norman L. Sheldon)*

September Speaker

Our own Michael Hackney will present "Everything You Wanted to Know About Leaders But Were Afraid to Ask", including a hands on furled leader making demonstration. Michael will give a history of leaders, why they were developed, early leader materials (with a few examples from his collection) and how they are used. Modern tapered, knotted and furled leaders will also be presented and compared. Tools and techniques for making knotted and furled leaders will be demonstrated along with example "recipes".

Michael is a life-long fly fisherman who got started after purchasing a fly tying kit at a Boy Scout summer camp. He's been tying flies and fishing ever since. He builds fly rods and has recently started building bamboo rods. In the last few years Michael's had the great fortune to fish for Greenback Cutthroat Trout in Colorado, monster Rainbow and Brown Trout in the Green River, and California Golden Trout in the Kern River.

Author Acknowledgment

Active chapter member and former BOD member Ray Gagnon has published a fishing memoir, "Legacy" in the current issue of the Yale Anglers' Journal, Spring/Summer issue, Volume IX, Number 2. Congratulations Ray, great story! For those of you who

don't have access to the Yale Anglers' Journal, we'll be posting the story on our website shortly.

Chapter Website

Some of you may have noticed our website was down for most of the summer due to technical issues. These have been corrected and the website is up and running again. Look for new features in the upcoming months at www.squanatissit.org.

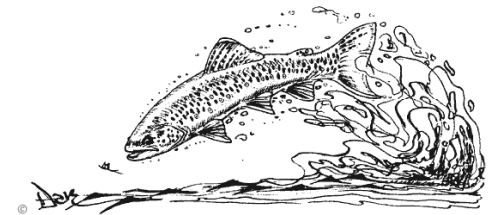
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1-800-632-8075.

Red Brook Family Day 2007

This year's fundraiser for Red Brook will be held at the Lyman Preserve from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 16th. A \$5.00 all you can eat barbeque will be followed by bucket raffles, auctions and opportunities to have a tour of this sea run brook trout stream. Raffle donations, volunteer help, and most importantly, your attendance and generosity are needed.

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. More information on The Lyman Reserve can be found at http://www.thetrustees.org/pages/330_lyman_reserve.cfm.



Eighteenth Annual "Day on the River"

Our annual fishing and BBQ event was held on Saturday, June 2nd. The weather was perfect and with the chapter stocking an additional 315 Rainbow Trout in the 12" - 15" range a few days before the event, there were plenty of fish to go around. Socializing was at it's best and everyone enjoy the cooking talents of Tom Towey and Michael Rosser. Steve Stakun of Pepperell won the drawing for the Thomas and Thomas Paradigm rod we had been selling tickets for since January. Congratulations Steve! Our next Day on the River will be June 7th, don't miss it!