

Fly of the Month

Cream Variant



Hook: Dry Size 12
Thread: Yellow
Tail: Long Cream Hackle Fibers
Body: Stripped Cream Hackle Quill
Hackle: Cream
Head: Yellow Thread

Comments: This is the last large mayfly on our local streams. It is fished in the evening throughout the late season.



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Upcoming Events

October Chapter Meeting

Michael Hopper, "The Restoration of Red Brook"
Tuesday, October 28th

November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 25th

December Chapter Meeting

Holiday Meeting and Raffle
Tuesday, December 16th

January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 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.

October Meeting
Tuesday the 28th at 7:00 pm
with
Michael Hopper
presenting
**"The Restoration
of Red Brook"**

Visitors Welcome!

Chapter News

• Fall Stocking

Last week the state completed its year end stocking in our area. The Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers were each replenished with 600 brown trout and 100 rainbow trout in the 12 to 15 inch range. We urge everyone to take advantage of this beautiful fall season and spend some time on the water.

• Bank Restoration Projects

The bank restoration project on Sucker Brook was so successful we are now working with MDFW to perform similar work on the far bank across the Niss. This area has been damaged by ATVs crossing the Niss at Sucker Brook. The project is still in the planning stages, we'll keep you posted on the details as they develop.

Rod Raffle Winner

Last month we announced the winner of our fly rod raffle, 16 year old Sam Rosenberg. Sam was so excited after using his new rod he sent us this letter and photo. It's great to see the enthusiasm Sam has for fly fishing. The Chapter wishes Sam many years of enjoyment from the sport and from his new fly rod.

To the Members of Trout Unlimited,

I want to send my thanks to your organization for the 2-piece, 6-weight Thomas and Thomas fly fishing rod I won at the Fly Fishing Convention in Marlborough last June. I used it for the first time this summer on a trip to Grayling, Michigan. My uncle and I stayed at Rusty Gate's Lodge for a few days and fished the Au Sable River. We caught a few small but beautiful brown trout the first day. On the

following day, we took a river boat and a guide and fished for about 3-4 hours. However, the weather began to deteriorate as large thunderstorms rolled in and we had to call it a day having only caught a handful of fish. Unfortunately, the conditions



remained the same for the rest of our trip. Even though the weather didn't behave for us, we still got in some great fishing time and had a blast. I continued to use the rod at other lakes in Michigan as well as around my home in Framingham and caught various trout, bass, bluegill, and perch.

Thank you again for this beautiful rod. I plan on using it for many years to come!

*Sincerely,
Sam Rosenberg*



Merrimack Village Dam Removal

The Merrimack Village Dam on the Souhegan River was removed by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) this past summer as part of its Open Rivers Initiative. Removal of the dam restored 14 miles of fish passage and tributary habitat for river herring, American shad, American salmon, American eel, and wild brook trout. The entire removal process was shown live over the internet. You can still view the removal process and get more information on the project by visiting http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/projects_programs/crp/damcam.html.

October Speaker

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008 Michael Hopper will make a presentation on the restoration of Red Brook in Wareham, MA. The Theodore Lyman Reserve is part of the 638 acre Red Brook Reserve created in 2001 and managed under a Memorandum of Agreement between Trout Unlimited, MDFW, and the Trustees of Reservations. A genetics study done by Brendan Annett, who now heads the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Reserve in Falmouth, MA, established that the brook trout of Red Brook and three Cape Cod salter streams, were stream specific with distinct populations in the same way that wild salmon are river specific.

At the present time, Red Brook is undergoing a restoration managed by MassRiverways, the stream restoration arm of the MDFW. Grants from American Rivers, MassRiverways, U. S. Fisheries and Wildlife and the MA/RI Council of Trout Unlimited are funding the restoration.



Michael Hopper has been a member of Trout Unlimited since 1978. During the 1980's he was involved in the restoration of the Quashnet River. For the last ten years his attention has been focused on Red Brook restoration. Michael is a member of the MA/RI Council Trout Unlimited Finance Committee as well as the MA/RI Council Wild

Trout Committee. Come out to the members meeting and hear more about current Red Brook projects and activities from Michael.

Chapter Elections!

Nominations for Chapter officers will be heard at the October meeting. 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 members meeting. The following positions are up for election this year.



Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Chairman

Board of Directors:

3 Director positions (1 yr term)
2 Director positions (if Pres. and V.P. are not nominated. 1 yr term)
2 Director positions (2 yr term)

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