

## Fly of the Month

### Hornburg



Hook: Streamer Size 10  
Thread: Black  
Tail: Long Cream Hackle Fibers  
Body: Flat silver tinsel  
Hackle: Brown and Grizzly  
Wing: yellow calf tail and  
Mallard flank feathers

*Comments: Resembles a caddis when fished dry, or a small minnow if fished wet*



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## Upcoming Events

### The Fly Fishing Show

January 16-18, Royal Plaza Trade Ctr, Marlboro

### MA/RI Council Banquet

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn, Marlboro

### January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

### Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition

February 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, at the DCU Center

### February Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

### 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.*

## January Meeting

Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
With

**Roger Aziz Jr.**

Presenting

## Shad Fishing in the Merrimack River

Visitors Welcome!

## TU National

TU turns 50 in January, 2009 !

Trout Unlimited's website has been significantly upgraded and is definitely worth a look. Check it out at:

<http://www.tu.org>

## MA/RI Council

The MA/RI Trout Unlimited Council is planning its annual banquet to coincide with the Marlboro Fly Fishing Show. This year's banquet will be held on Sat, January 17, 2009 starting at 5 pm. at the Holiday Inn in Marlboro, MA.

Many exhibitors and celebrities from the show attend the banquet, giving us all a chance to mix and mingle while enjoying a great "all-you-can eat" buffet, bucket raffles and auction.

### Operation of ATVs is illegal in Wildlife Management Areas.

To report violations of off-road recreation vehicle, environmental, or wildlife laws please contact the

Environmental Police Radio  
Communications Center  
1-800-632-8075.

## Squannatissit Chapter

### A note from the president

#### Happy New Year !

The New Year has begun and so have the terms for the new officers and Board of Directors. We want to welcome the new members and say thank you for those leaving. The Chapter is a better place for your participation !

Thanks again to John Donnenwirth, the outgoing newsletter editor, for his hard work and stewardship of our newsletter. We want to welcome the new newsletter editor, Dave Armstrong. You can help the Chapter by contributing articles, fishing stories, or passing on information of interest to Dave.

These are interesting times. Members have expressed their satisfaction in working on the Sucker Brook Restoration project. We had a very large turnout, and members enjoyed their day on the stream. With each visit to the Henry Columbo Management Area, we'll be able to see the results of this streambank restoration effort.

This year we want to continue projects on our local streams. The Brook Trout Initiative continues. We will be placing more temperature dataloggers in streams, working on replacing a culvert on Gulf Brook, and initiating stream bank restoration on the mainstem of the Nissitissit River. We will also be looking into future projects that the chapter can get involved in.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

*Michael Rosser*

## January Speaker Shad Fishing in the Merrimack River Roger Aziz Jr.

Please join us to listen to Roger's exciting tales about fishing for shad in the nearby Merrimack River. The Merrimack River spring shad run is one of the strongest and biggest migratory fish runs in the state of Massachusetts.

Roger is the owner of Merrimack Valley Fishing Tours, and has over 30 years experience fishing and guiding, and in fly-tying and tackle innovation in both fresh and salt water. He has had numerous articles written on his fishing expertise in popular magazines. Roger's fishing record speaks for itself — He is the holder of more than one hundred IGFA, Fishing Hall of Fame, World Line Class, and tackle records, and is the winner of 13 MDFW Gold pins (record holder for 13 different species in Massachusetts).



## River Notes

### Woody Debris—vital for river systems

This winter's ice storm brought down many trees and limbs. While this has been a chore cleaning brush from our yards, it may be a blessing in disguise for our rivers !

In rivers, trees, rootballs, and limbs—known as Large Woody Debris (LWD) - are a vital component of a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Woody debris creates scour holes and riffles, and improves habitat for trout and other native fish by providing shade and cover. LWD also fosters a healthy food chain by trapping branches, leaves, and other plant matter that create the necessary matrix of structure and nutrients for aquatic insects and other organisms in the stream.

Chapter members are encouraged to speak to property owners, canoeists, and other river users about the importance of LWD in our river systems,.

*Dave Armstrong*



MDFW biologists electrofishing beneath LWD