

Fly of the Month Wire stonefly nymph



Wire Stonefly nymph

Hook: 12-18

Head: Ostrich or peacock or dubbed fur

Body: wire

Keep many of these simple flies onhand for early spring when tiny black stoneflies are hatching. You can get a lifetime supply of copper wire from an old electric motor.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 28th, 5:00

April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th, 7:00

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.

Email - Sign up

All Squan-a-Tissit Chapter members are asked to please sign up

for the Email announcement list:

<http://www.squanatissit.org/newsletters.php>



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Squan -a- Tissit NEWS

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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.

Annual Banquet
Saturday, March 28, 5:00
with guest speakers

Valerie and Nick Wisniewski
Walnut Hill Tracking Center

**-Tracking -
Relearning
an Ancient Art**

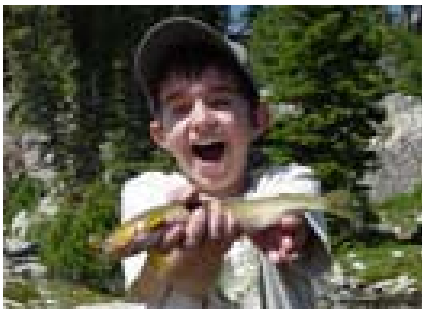
Join us !

Squan-a-tissit Chapter News A Note from the President

Michael Rosser

The banquet is the Squanattissit chapter's major fundraiser and supports our conservation projects throughout the year. Members can support the chapter by purchasing tickets even if you can't attend the banquet. Members are welcome to contribute raffle items: Tie up some of your favorite flies—foam Morell fly boxes will be available for flies the afternoon of the banquet. Donate good quality fly-fishing books or excess equipment. Think of how that fly rod you no longer use would be enjoyed by a youth!

A thousand words



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Name that Fish !



Black nosed dace.

ID: black lateral stripe extending around nose; short snout; body speckled above lateral line and pale below; fine scales

Size: averages 2.5 inches

Habitat: Common in cool clear streams

Behavior: feeds on aquatic invertebrates, the black-nose dace is an important forage fish.

SAVE THE DATE !

Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 28, 5:00

Join us at our annual TU Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We have a superb evening planned, with good food, a wide variety of raffle items, and an interesting family program.

Tickets

\$20 adults

\$15 children under 16

Raffle items include a wide variety of items for both fishermen and families, including:

Fly rods

Fly selections

Fishing clothing

Fishing trips

Canoe

Rocking chair

Guitar

Birdhouses

Books

Gift certificates

Something for everyone !

Bring your family and friends !

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.

Guest Speakers Nick and Valerie Wisniewski —Tracking —

Relearning an Ancient Art

Nick and Valerie Wisniewski, co-founders of Walnut Hill Tracking and Nature Center, will present a program that is not to be missed! Their presentation will draw us into the forest to explore the environments where animals live. You will see photos illustrating animal tracks and fascinating signs of feeding, mating and other animal behavior. But even more than that, Nick and Valerie will introduce tracking as an art of observing and engaging with wild animals through which we can begin to see the forest through the eyes of the animals and rediscover the link between all living beings.

Both Valerie and Nick Wisniewski spent 3 years as apprentices of master tracker Paul Rezendes (author of *Tracking and the Art of Seeing - How to Read Animal Tracks and Sign*; and *The Wild Within - Adventures in Nature and Animal Teachings*). Valerie has taught outdoor skills for 25 years, and maintains a link with her native heritage as a board member and teacher at the Eastern American Indian Cultural Center. Nick is an expert on animal tracks and sign. His on-going tracking projects include a multi-year effort to document Mountain Lion track and sign in southern New England and ongoing research on Black Bear. Your walks through the woods will not be the same after seeing this engaging program! Their spirit of inquiry and passion for nature study is contagious!

River Notes

Spring floods

Spring snowmelt and flooding can be a stressful time for fish. Early snowmelt can have high acidity. Spring floods can sweep macroinvertebrates, eggs, and young-of-the-year downstream. Fish need to take refuge in eddies, tributaries, near banks, and behind rocks and logs.

Spring flooding can also have beneficial effects on habitat. High flows deposit new gravel and flush silt from riffles, scour out pools, undercut banks, drop trees into the river, and erode new channels.

Flooding varies from year to year. Years with smaller floods may have better survival of that year's classes of fish and macroinvertebrates than years with very high floods. In the long run, however, occasional high flows play a vital role in creating habitat.

It's all part of the natural cycle.

Dave Armstrong

A sure sign of spring —Robins on the Niss !

