

Fly(s) of the Month

Light Hendrickson & Adams-Irresistible



Flies courtesy of



Evenin Sun Fly Shop

Light Hendrickson

Hook: TMC 7961, size 16

Thread: Olive/brown

Tail/legs: wood duck or Coq De Leon

Body: tan dubbing, with copper wire rib

Wingcase: pheasant, or duck quill

Fish this pair together on a dropper setup, using the buoyant Adams Irresistible as a strike indicator, and the Light Hendrickson down deep on the dropper —

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Upcoming Events

April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th, 7:00

May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th, 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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The newsletter for the Trout Unlimited chapter that champions sport and conservation on two northeastern Massachusetts trout rivers: The Squannacook & The Nissitissit.

April Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 5:00
with

Andy Bonzagni

presenting

**Bull Trout and Cutts
in British Columbia**

Visitors welcome !

Squan-a-tissit Chapter News

A Note from the President

Thank you to all members and guests who participated in the Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and to the merchants and individuals who donated items and services to the Chapter. The money raised is vital to chapter operations and will be used to support ongoing and upcoming projects for the Brook Trout Initiative.

Michael Rosser

A thousand words



Name that Fish ! Tessellated Darter



ID: tessellation marks (dark X, W, or M) on sides

Size: 2 to 3 inches

Habitat: slow, quiet areas with sand bottoms

Behavior: lack swim bladders and sit on bottom or bury itself in the sand with only eyes showing., feed primarily on midge larvae, moving from place to place in short “darts”.

Let's go paperless !

I am proposing that our chapter go 100% electronic with the monthly newsletters starting next fiscal year (Sept '09). Our money and time can be better spent elsewhere. Consider:

Cost.— Next year the cost of stamps alone will be over \$1,320. Add in the cost of paper, labels, ink cartridges, and the gas to pick up supplies, and the cost to the Chapter to distribute the newsletter is close to \$1,500 per year.

Time -The BOD spends a significant portion of their meeting time each month folding, stamping and labeling the newsletter. Our time could be better spent discussing future projects.

Conservation—We are a conservation group. Ink is a hazardous waste, and paper mills are notorious for polluting and ruining rivers and trout habitat. Let's do what we can to minimize our ecological footprint.

I realize that there will be exceptions, for those who do not have access to a computer. In which case, we would provide the newsletter in the conventional manner. If you have any reservations about going 100% paperless, please let me know before Tuesday, April 28th. I would like to bring this issue up for vote at the next Board of Director's Meeting. (HMNSAH@Comcast.net).

Remember, it's all for the fish.

Scott Hraba, Treasurer



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 Speaker Andy Bonzagni

Concord Outfitters
presenting

Bull Trout and Cutts in British Columbia



Join us at the April chapter meeting as Andy and Melissa take us on a tour of fishing for trout in British Columbia. Their spectacular photos and fishing stories will leave you thirsting to get out onto a river.



River Notes Stop and smell the flowers

If you are prone to taking hikes along trout streams in spring, you have probably noticed the natural sequence of plants that bloom along the banks. The first to push through in early spring is skunk cabbage, followed shortly after by ferns and marsh marigolds. Even if you haven't had time to make it to the stream, you no doubt are familiar with the sequence of flowers in your neighbor's garden. First the crocuses and daffodils bloom, followed by forsythia, and lilacs. But did you know that you can key the flowering of these plants to the appearance of aquatic insect hatches along your local river ? This is because flowering plants and aquatic insect hatches both respond to the same stimuli— length of daylight and temperature. Depending on your stream, you may notice:

Flower _____ & _____ Fly

Skunk cabbage— black stone flies

Forsythia—blue quill,

Violets—Hendrickson

Lilac—grey fox

Iris—green drake

Day Lilies—elk-hair caddis

Black-eyed Susan—black ants

So the next time you have been out fishing and have matched the hatch, note the flowers you see on your way home— they will help you to get out and find that same hatch again next year!

Further reading about hatches and flowers can be found in Ch. 9 of Fools Paradise by Gierach; Trout Flies and Flowers by Mahoney, or The Phenological Fly by Scammell.

Dave Armstrong