

Nor'East Winds

Newsletter of the Nor'East Chapter of Trout Unlimited

When you opened the accompanying email, many of you probably thought, *The Nor'East Chapter is still around?* The answer is yes, and like a snowball rolling downhill, it's growing in size and gaining momentum.

The November meeting was marked by a palpable sense of enthusiasm to revitalize both the chapter and our local waters.

Those in attendance discussed the future of the chapter and all agreed that for it to grow, we need clear direction. We know from casual conversations along the stream, at the fly shop, and online, there are plenty of anglers out there looking to do their part to *conserve, restore, and protect* our local fisheries.

The challenge we face is to convert that willingness to participate into action. And while it's great that many of you have volunteered down at Red Brook or out at the Nissitissit, the only way we'll succeed as a chapter is if we have our own projects.

Sea Run Trout in the Parker River

With the recent interest in the Parker River as a potential habitat for sea run trout (sparked by First Light Anglers), the chapter has decided to work with other local conservation organizations to determine the sustainability of the fishery.

We'll take the first step along this path when we convene at our December meeting. Warren Winders, coordinator of the Red Brook restoration project, will speak about the challenges they have encountered at Red Brook. Additionally, we anticipate representatives from First Light Anglers, the Essex Country Greenbelt Association, the Parker River Clean Water Association and the Ipswich River Watershed Association to be in attendance.

So we have a great potential project – the benefits of which are enormous and extend beyond simply reinvigorating the fishery – but it won't go anywhere without our hard work. It's time to roll up our sleeves and get involved.

You've asked for a project and direction. Now we have both. Let's get started.

Meeting Details:

The Ipswich River Watershed Association has generously offered their Riverbend property for our meeting.

December 16th
7:00PM (6:00PM Spaghetti/Salad dinner with a small donation. BYOB permitted.)
Ipswich River Watershed Association
Riverbend
143 County Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

Directions:

From points south:

- Take Route 128 North to Exit 20A (Route 1A North towards Hamilton).
- Continue north on Route 1A for 7.7 miles.
- Riverbend will be on your left past Appleton Farms.

From points north:

- Take Route 95 South to Exit 54 (Route 133 East towards Rowley) exit.
- Continue on Route 133 through downtown Ipswich.
- Just past downtown Ipswich, continue straight Route 1A South.
- Riverbend will be on your right just past Masconomet Road.



December 2009

Around the Bend

Mark your calendars with these upcoming events:

December 16th
Chapter Meeting
Ipswich, MA
(see article)

January 16th
MA/RI Council Banquet
Marlborough, MA
(see article)

A Note from The MA/RI Trout Unlimited Council

The MA/RI Trout Unlimited Council is planning its annual banquet to once again coincide with the Marlboro Fly Fishing Show. This year's banquet will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010 starting 5:00PM at the Holiday Inn, Marlboro – just ½ mile down the road from the Fly Fishing Show. We are sending each chapter banquet tickets and hope each chapter will have a representative group attend. We are inviting exhibitors and celebrities from the show and it will give us a chance to socialize while enjoying a great Italian buffet, bucket raffles, silent and live auctions.

Any and all donations to the bucket raffle or auctions would be **greatly** appreciated.

Guided trips to favorite fishing spots are enormously popular as are hand-tied flies. We'd be happy to make arrangements to pick up donations prior to or during the show, or donations can be brought to the banquet.

The Council is working very hard to accomplish the goals of Trout Unlimited in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the chapters' support is critical to that end.

Hope to see you in January!

Gloria Braun
Southeast Chapter Delegate/Banquet Committee
gloriabraun@verizon.net
(508) 947-6175

Winter Fishing

With the turn to cold weather, most of us limit our fishing related activities to tying up some new patterns or reviewing fishing journals. But now is a good time to scout out water you may have overlooked in the past. Get out those Delormes and check out some new spots. And don't forget to bring along the rod. You might be surprised what you find.

This little native brookie took a #12 Ausable Wulff floated over this stretch of water on the North Shore.

Want to share information with the chapter? Please send correspondence to the newsletter editor, Kevin Correa, at kevincorrea@hotmail.com.



TROUT UNLIMITED
The clean water and wild fish people.