

# Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

## April 2010 Newsletter



### April: The Chapter Hits its Stride

Our chapter took a big step forward as an organization during the month of April. At our April meeting, those in attendance elected the executives and board of directors for the chapter.

With your input, these volunteers will hone the chapter's vision and create tangible goals to strive toward. It's only with your help that we can then achieve these goals.

While the process of prioritizing projects and defining long-term goals will take time, chapter members are already participating in many ways. In April alone, our members worked at the restoration of Ox Pasture Brook, counted fish passage on both the Parker and Ipswich Rivers, assisted First Light Anglers with their stocking of sea run trout in the Mill River, and enjoyed a relaxing day paddling and fishing on the Parker.



**John LeJeune on the Deerfield**

It's exciting to see new faces showing up at every event. We're seeing a great mix of young new members and guys "who've been at it for a while" – it's this mix of old and new that will help us meet with success in the years to come.

See you soon,

Kevin Correa  
President

Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

### May Chapter Meeting – Wednesday May 5th

At our last two meetings our guests have given restoration talks. We're mixing it up a bit for our May meeting. Please join us as Scott Evans of the Squan-a-Tissit Chapter offers his insights into fishing the Pemigewasset River. Scott is ready to share tips he's learned over his years of fishing the river.

#### Meeting Details:

Ipswich River Watershed Association  
143 County Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938

6:00PM Dinner (\$5)

7:00PM Pemigewasset Presentation

Please RSVP to [kevin.correa@tunoreast.org](mailto:kevin.correa@tunoreast.org) if you plan to attend the dinner portion of the meeting.

*The Nor'East Chapter is dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Massachusetts' north shore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.*

### Around the Bend

**May 5, 2010**

#### May Nor'East Chapter Meeting

Scott Evans shares secrets of the Pemigewasset River.

Ipswich River Watershed Assn.

6:00PM Dinner (\$5 donation)

7:00PM Presentation

**May 8, 2010**

#### Mill River Work Day

10AM Clean-up at the Rt. 1 Parking Area. Cookout to follow.

(see article for details)

**May 21-23, 2010**

#### Indian Hollow Camping Outing

#### Annual Council Meeting Weekend

Free Camping, Free Lunch. Great Fishing. (see article for details)

**Mid-Late May 2010**

#### Float Stocking Parker and Ipswich Rivers

The chapter will assist the Division of Fish & Game in the upcoming stockings. Stay tuned, dates TBA.

**June 5, 2010**

#### Inaugural North Shore Fly Fishing Contest

Stay-tuned to our website for more details.

## Action Update: Ox Pasture Brook Restoration

Following is a note from Alex Hackman of Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration, thanking our volunteer members for their help. Keep up the good work!



“On Friday April 16th, project partners came together for the final day of site restoration activities at lower Ox Pasture Brook in Rowley. In the rain, sleet, and cold, about a dozen hearty souls from Trout Unlimited, the Northeast Mosquito Control District, the Mass Department of Fish and Game, and NOAA completed planting and cleanup work at the former dam site. The contribution from the Nor’East Chapter members was absolutely invaluable. On behalf of the Division of Ecological Restoration — and all of our project partners — you have our sincere thanks and gratitude. We honestly could not have done it without the tremendous help from these great volunteers on that tough day. Trout Unlimited is an invaluable partner working for the protection and restoration of our rivers and streams - we look forward to much more work together in the near future!”

For more information on the Ox Pasture Brook restoration, visit our website:  
[www.tunoreast.org/TU\\_Noreast/Projects.html](http://www.tunoreast.org/TU_Noreast/Projects.html)

## Annual Indian Hollow Campground Weekend May 21-23, 2010 — Chesterfield, MA

Join fellow Nor’East members and members from across the state (and Rhode Island) for a weekend of camping and fishing on the Westfield River. A number of chapter members are planning to attend. Let us know if you plan to join us.

## Fish Counts in Full Swing

The Parker River Clean Water Association and the Ipswich River Watershed Association appreciate the volunteer hours chapter members are logging as they count herring at fish ladders on the Parker and Ipswich Rivers.

These fish counts are crucial for herring data collection.

## Inaugural North Shore Fly Fishing Classic June 5, 2010

That’s right, the Nor’East Chapter is sponsoring the only public fly fishing contest on the north shore. Stay tuned for more details.

Intrigued? Come to the May meeting for the official announcement, rules, and early registration.



## Parker River Paddle Recap — A.K.A. Pickerel Unlimited

The inaugural Parker River paddle/fish/cookout was marked by absolutely perfect weather, some new faces, an unintended swim, toothy pickerel, good food, and a lone trout.



While trout were rising to hatching mayflies, caddis, and stones throughout the mile-and-a-half stretch of the Parker, the pickerel of Crane Pond were the only fish really cooperating on the sunny day.

When the TU armada made its way back upstream to call it a day, we were greeted by Scot Wilks manning the grill. Thanks Scot! Steven Grise of Georgetown won the coveted “Trout

Award” late in the day as he was the only person to land a trout.

Thanks to everyone who made it out and helped make the day a success.

## Float Stocking Volunteers Needed

The chapter is assisting the Division of Fish & Game by float stocking the Parker and Ipswich Rivers. We need your help. Dates are TBA, probably in mid-May. Contact [tom.schultz@tunoreast.org](mailto:tom.schultz@tunoreast.org) to sign up.

## Mill River Work Day, Saturday May 8th

Chris Tripler will be leading a clean-up of the Mill River in Newbury. When we helped stock the salters, we found tons of garbage, including a washer machine, a television, and tires. The area could use some TLC.

Please meet at 10AM on Saturday, May 8th at the Mill River parking lot on Rt. 1 in Newbury. The parking lot is a couple miles north of Rt. 133 in Rowley.

Cookout to follow the cleanup. Bring along your rod if you'd like. Please RSVP to [cetripler@hotmail.com](mailto:cetripler@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend.

## Banquet Committee Seeks Volunteers

Scheduled for the fall, the chapter's annual banquet is our major fundraiser.

We have to cover a lot of bases and it takes plenty of work to run a successful banquet. We're looking for volunteers to help out. If you have ANY time to offer, please let us know. John LeJeune is our banquet chairman. You can reach him at [jrlejeune@gmail.com](mailto:jrlejeune@gmail.com).

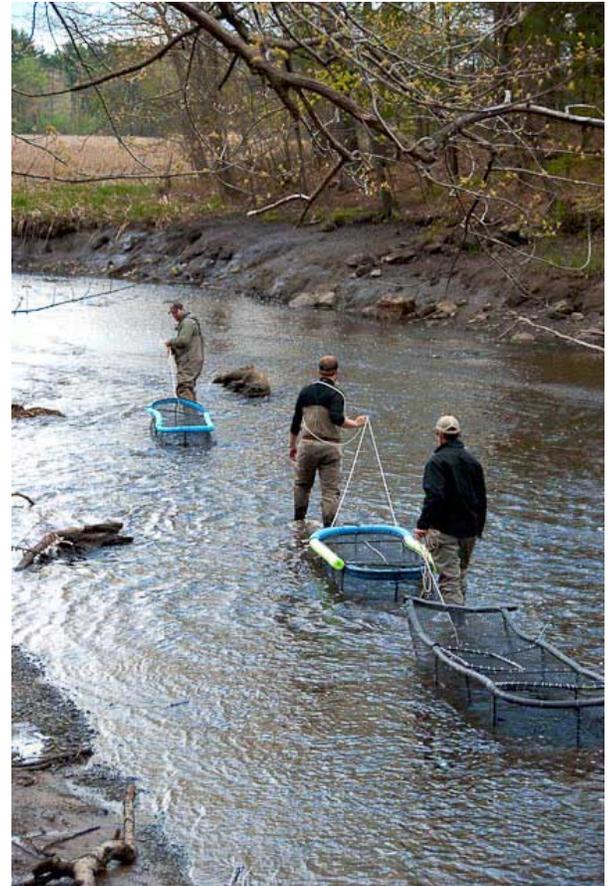
## Action Update: Salter Stocking in the Mill River

On Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Nor'East Chapter was well represented among the 28 volunteers who participated in First Light Anglers privately funded stocking of sea run "salter" brook trout in the Mill River.

A literal bucket brigade ferried the trout from the stocking truck down a steep embankment to the river below. Once there the fish were loaded into stocking pens designed by Patrick Brown so that they could be ushered miles downstream before being released.

Over 500 salters were float stocked in the Mill River and Ox Pasture Brook.

Photos by John LeJeune.



## April Meeting Recap

The Highlight of the April meeting was the election of our new executives and board of directors. They are:

President – Kevin Correa  
 Vice President – Tom Schultz  
 Treasurer – Tom Leahy  
 Secretary – Harris Krinsky

### Board of Directors

James Goodhart  
 Neil Green  
 Arthur Howe  
 Zachary Johnson  
 John LeJeune  
 Michael O’Neill  
 Robert Torkildsen  
 Christopher Tripler  
 Kenneth Washburn



**Tim Purinton and Carrie Banks**

Thank you for volunteering for these crucial positions.

During the presentation portion of our meeting, Tim Purinton, Mass DER’s Acting Director, and Carrie Banks, DER’s Stream Team Coordinator, explained the stream team program, and how our chapter can make a difference on our local water. Based on this presentation, our new board of directors will determine how best to focus our chapter’s conservation/restoration efforts.

## Bucket Raffle Items Needed

A number of members have made generous donations toward our bucket raffles. We appreciate any donations that you can make. Fishing-related or not, as long as it’s new, we’ll raffle it off!

The most popular items have been hand-tied flies, so if you’re sitting down at your bench, tie up a few of your favorite patterns to donate to the raffle!

## Memo from TU National’s Government Affairs

*Hello Member,*

*In 2004, the National Leadership Council (NLC) approved inclusion of climate change in TU’s conservation agenda. Since then, we’ve accomplished a lot: partnering with fish and wildlife conservation groups to pass a strong climate bill in the House, continuing work on the science underlying our actions; and developing support for measures to reduce the impacts of climate change on trout and salmon. We continue to track developments in climate policy in Congress and in the federal agencies as they move forward with plans to address climate impacts on federal lands and federal policies. TU volunteers are working on habitat restoration projects that will better prepare trout and salmon and coldwater ecosystems to survive in a changing climate. Our Oconee River chapter in Georgia created a committee to explore how the chapter can address climate change at the local level. And earlier this year, volunteer leaders in South Carolina helped encourage Sen. Lindsay Graham to become the leading Republican working on climate legislation.*

*This week, along with 10 other Sportsmen’s groups, we released Beyond Season’s End, a report that focuses on what conservation measures can be taken to build resilience in fish and wildlife populations in the face of a changing climate. This study was built on the basis of our own original report, Healing Troubled Waters, which outlines the potential impacts of climate change to trout and salmon.*

*Although our organization has moved forward with addressing climate change, we realize some members still have questions. TU’s climate change fellow, Scott Laeser, has already visited several chapters and councils to discuss TU’s work on climate change and is eager to talk with more TU volunteers about this important issue. If your chapter or council is interested in learning more about climate change and what TU is doing to address it, please contact Scott Laeser.*

*Thanks for everything you do for TU and our coldwater resources.*

*Steve Moyer*

*Vice President for Government Affairs*

## We Want to Hear From You

Have information you’d like to share with the chapter?  
 Send it to our newsletter editor at [newsletter@tunoreast.org](mailto:newsletter@tunoreast.org).