

Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

October 2010 Newsletter



Nuts and Bolts

First things first — the chapter held its banquet on October 24th and it was a huge success. A few months back when we first wrestled with the idea of a fall banquet, I don't think anybody could have imagined the evening going as smoothly as it did. Thank you to everyone who made the event so successful. Please read the article for more details.

Now that the banquet is in the books, we have two business tasks ahead of us. The first is completing our annual financial report. The report is a fill-in-the-blank questionnaire required by Trout Unlimited national and serves a few purposes. In addition to stating basic revenue and expense information, it forces the chapter to take a look at itself and see how effective it has been in areas like conservation, education and service to its membership. The board of directors will be completing the financial report in the next couple weeks, and it will be available to chapter members on request as well as at future meetings.

The second order of business facing the chapter is the development of a strategic plan. This is also required by TU national. I'll be the first to admit that over this past year — which I would characterize as successful by many measures — we did a lot of shooting from the hip. Thankfully, we still managed to hit most of our targets. But with more planning we can do even better. And this is where the strategic plan can be an invaluable tool.

Now is the time to step forward with your ideas, regardless of how outlandish you feel they may be. We need everyone's input to help steer the chapter's course over the next few years.

So please take this opportunity and let your thoughts be known.

Thanks for all that you do for the chapter, our rivers and communities.

Hope to see you soon,

Kevin Correa
President

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Around the Bend

November 1, 2010

Nov. Nor'East Chapter Meeting

Rick Little presents "Adventure Fishing Labrador City and Northern Quebec"
Ipswich River Watershed Assn.
6:00PM Dinner (\$5 donation)
7:00PM Presentation

November 6, 2010

Groveland Stream Cleanup

Get your hands dirty as the chapter hauls trash from a trout stream.
Meeting location TBD.
(see article for details)

November 23, 2010

Larkin Dam Removal Hearing

The Newbury Selectmen will consider the removal of the Larkin Dam. If at all possible, PLEASE ATTEND.
(see article for details)
Newbury Town Hall
25 High Rd., Newbury, MA
7:00 PM

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

October Meeting Recap

At our October meeting, Steve Hurley, Southeast District Fisheries Manager for Mass DFW, gave his presentation “Restoring Salter Brook Trout to Coastal Massachusetts.” Steve’s talk was packed with information on the restoration efforts in the southeast district. The talk went beyond detailing the success at Red Brook and illustrated how the current programs (which have included PIT tagging and genetics research) are shaping our understanding of salter behavior.



Steve Hurley talks Salters

Steve’s work — some of which is funded by the MA/RI Council of TU and the Southeast Chapter — is at the forefront of salter restoration.

An important takeaway from the discussion that followed was that even if no salters currently reside in a given stream, if the habitat is right, restoration through relocation of wild fish is possible and has been accomplished in the southeast district.

So we’ll keep looking for our local salters, but also focus on finding streams that provide appropriate habitat.

Local Trout Survive Brutal Summer

We all know how brutal the summer was for our rivers. But here’s some good news. As bad as the summer was, trout still held over in spots on the north shore.

The rivers are showing improved flows now. So if you don’t have the time to drive out to the Nissitissit or the Swift, take a shot at some of the local streams. And let us know how you do.

This brown was caught on a tributary of the Ipswich on October 17th.



Groveland Trout Stream Cleanup — November 6th

Time to get our hands dirty and clean up a local trout stream. One of the streams that we surveyed as part of our brook trout hunt is bombarded with trash. The stream shall remain nameless to all but the people who volunteer to haul some trash out. I’m sure you can understand the reason for the discretion.

If you are interested, please send Kevin Correa an email at kevincorrea@hotmail.com. Kevin will send out specific details to those who volunteer. But here’s the general plan:

At 10:30, we’ll meet at the designated spot in Groveland which is about a 10 minute drive from either 95 or 495. We’ll work for a couple hours, then have a little cookout.

Bring your small stream rod as you can always fish once we’re done.

Chapter's First Banquet in Years a Huge Success

When guests at the Nor'East Chapter banquet on October 24th entered the Ipswich Masonic Hall, I'm sure they weren't quite certain what to expect. To be honest, I'm sure most of the people who helped organize the banquet felt that way too.

So it was wonderful to watch the expressions of pleasant surprise as people entered the banquet hall. In the center of the room stood the dinner tables decorated with pumpkins and faux autumn leaves. Along the walls, tables covered in over \$7,000 worth of raffle and auction items. And at the head of the room, a warm fire set the mood.



Chris Tripler

Those in attendance displayed great generosity and walked away with items like dozens of hand-tied flies, incredible artwork, fly rods, a Tom Brady autographed football, and Mike Hackney's handmade reel.

Just as gratifying as bringing in money for the chapter, was seeing how the banquet came together. A lot of work went into the evening, and the workload wasn't shouldered by one, two or even just a handful of people. From securing the program printer and the venue, to selling ads and soliciting donations, it was nice to see so many chapter members pitching in. It was also great to see some chapter members making their first appearances.

Thank you to all the chapter members who attended, donated items for the raffle and auction, and lent a hand. Thank you to members from other chapters who came out to support us — the gesture will be gladly reciprocated. And thank you to the individuals, companies and organizations who generously supported our efforts.

A special thank you to Chris Tripler who put his culinary training to use and ran the kitchen with the efficiency of a Swiss watch ... then served us some of the most decadent of his homemade desserts.

Finally, banquet chairman John LeJeune deserves so much of the credit for pulling the event together. From the outset, John did a fantastic job managing the various elements of the banquet, and he did so while taking on many more tasks than he ever should have. Thanks John. You did a wonderful job.

Now that that's out of the way, time to start planning for next year's banquet.



John LeJeune

November Meeting Preview — November 1st

Rick Little presents “Adventure trip to Labrador City and northern Quebec” which chronicles his journey, the sites, scenery and his fishing adventure north of the border.

Also, Melissa Winstanley will be giving the chapter a brief introduction to the Casting for Recovery program.

Ipswich River Watershed Association
143 County Road, Ipswich
6 PM Dinner (with \$5 donation)
7 PM Presentation

Larkin Dam Removal Hearing — November 23rd

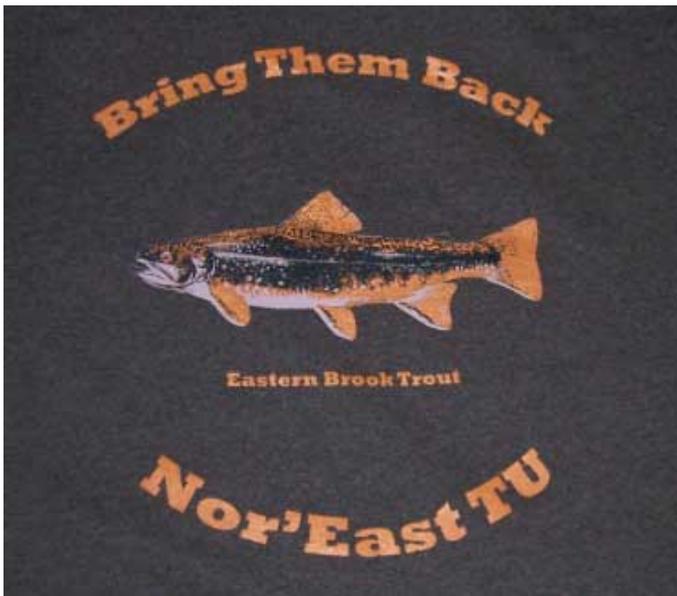
The Newbury Selectmen will consider the removal of the Larkin Dam at their meeting on November 23rd. We had a good showing at the last meeting. Let’s show up in numbers again.

For those not familiar with the area, removing the Larkin Dam allows the Parker River to flow freely from the west side of 95 down to Central Street. This area already holds over trout. Removing the dam creates even better habitat.

Newbury Town Hall
25 High Rd., Newbury, MA
7:00 PM

Chapter Tee Shirts

Still don’t have your chapter T-shirt? Act fast as only Large and X-Large are left from this first run of shirts. Shirts cost \$15 and are available online or at the meetings.



Donations: Keep ‘em Coming!

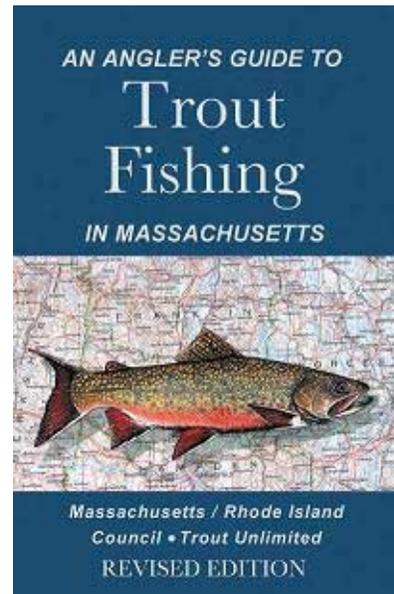
Thank you to everyone who has contributed items for use in our bucket raffles.

If you have anything new you’d like to contribute, please send it our way.

Thanks!

An Angler’s Guide

An Angler’s Guide to Trout Fishing in Massachusetts could have been called “The Spot Burners Guide to Trout Fishing In Massachusetts.” This book really is a must if you fish around the state. It lists everything you need to know from hidden holes to flies. \$20.



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