Happy Holidays!

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you all weathered our first big snow of the year and are back to peacefully winding down 2010.

Other than our chapter meeting next Monday (January 3rd), we don’t have anything planned for January, but take a look at the calendar items in the Around the Bend section of the newsletter. There are plenty of events to help you ward off cabin fever.

We’re switching things up a bit with our January chapter meeting and plan to have an informal strategic planning session while tying up some flies. If you’ve never tried your hand at fly tying, this is the perfect opportunity to do so as there will be extra vises and materials available. Flies will be donated to Casting for Recovery.

Which reminds me, the Rudolph Fly pictured here is courtesy of Bill Thompson at North Country Angler located on Rt 16 just north of North Conway. Thanks Bill!

Finally, I know there are plenty of you out there that don’t shy away from the cold weather, so if you’re still fishing rivers or the ice, please exercise caution and pay attention to changing conditions. Good luck and have fun.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Warm regards,

Kevin Correa
President
Nor’East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

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

On an evening when the Patriots and Monday Night Football were on everyone’s minds, the meeting was short and sweet.

Tom Harrison of Harrison Anglers made the long drive out to Ipswich and gave a fantastic presentation full of tips to help make trips out to the Millers and Deerfield Rivers memorable ones.

To book a trip with Harrison Anglers, visit their website at:

www.harrisonanglers.com

Thanks for coming out Tom!

January Chapter Meeting: Time to Give Away The Sage!

Meeting Details:
Monday, January 3rd
Ipswich River Watershed Association
143 County Road
Ipswich, MA 01938

6:00 p.m. Dinner ($5)
7:00 p.m. Meeting

We kick off 2011 with a chapter meeting next Monday, January 3rd. This will be a relatively low-key meeting, and we’ve decided to give a night of fly tying a try.

Two reasons for tying this night:
1) To offer those who’d like to give tying a try the opportunity; and
2) We’ll donate the flies to Casting for Recovery

So if you have an extra vise, please bring it along. The big draw for the evening will be the long awaited Attendance Rod Raffle. For every meeting you’ve been to, you received one chance to win the rod. The more meetings you attended, the better your odds of winning. Attendees at Monday’s meeting — even first timers — will be given their chance for the evening as well. To be eligible, you must be a member in good standing with your dues paid in full. So if you’ve been putting off renewing your membership, do so before Monday’s meeting.

We're Giving Away a Sage VT2 Fly Rod

Renew Your TU Membership Today at www.tu.org
Upcoming January Events:
There are plenty of upcoming events to keep you busy during January. Below are a few...

Marlboro Fly Fishing Show
January 14-16 2011
This annual 3-day event is back at the Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. Lectures, casting/tying demos, sponsor exhibits and more. See www.flyfishingshow.com for more details. And if you're there Saturday be sure to stay for...

MA/RI TU Council Banquet
January 15, 2011
This is the council’s annual fundraising banquet. This year it will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza. Join us for Cocktails, Dinner, Bucket Raffle and Auction. Tickets are $35. The chapter has a limited number of seats to sell. If interested, please contact Kevin Correa at kevin.correa@tunoreast.org.
You can also purchase tickets online at www.ma-ri-tu-council.org. Hope to see you there.

Casting For Recovery Dinner/Auction
January 16, 2011
Join the Massachusetts CFR folks for a lovely dinner and auction to support the 2011 MA/RI Casting for Recovery retreat. A five course dinner will be served at the Parsons Table in Winchester, MA. Tickets are $125 per person, and space is limited, so please order tickets now and help support the survivors in our community.

Where: The Parsons Table, 34 Church St., Winchester, MA
Dinner will be served from 6-8pm with auction to follow.
Tickets can be ordered online at: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4a4d45
Checks can be made out to: Casting for Recovery
Please send checks to: Melissa Winstanley, 155 Monument St., Concord, MA, 01742
Questions? Email masscfr@gmail.com

Parker River Clean Water Association Annual Meeting
January 30, 2011
Safe Yield, or the amount of water that can be safely drawn from our rivers without adversely impacting the ecosystem, is a highly contentious issue right now. Come hear what the experts have to say as PRCWA hosts Massachusetts River Alliance executive director Julia Blatt and policy director Susan Beede.
Newbury Library, Lunt St, Byfield

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!
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.

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.

How’s this for a New Year’s resolution?
“This year I’ll stop sitting on the sideline and pitch-in to help conserve, protect and restore our local coldwater fisheries.”

Visit the Nor’East Marketplace for Chapter Tees and the Angler’s Guide
www.tunoreast.org