

# Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

## February 2011 Newsletter



### Crunching Numbers

Last March I wrote a short piece in the newsletter with the title, *Spring: A Season of Growth*. Well, a couple weeks ago we received the membership statistics sent down from TU National. Our chapter membership grew 25% over the past year. With a new face or two showing up at every meeting, I knew we were growing, but couldn't have imagined that it was by that much. You all should be proud of this growth, because it was a direct result of your hard work.



**Weeks, Not Months Away**

The tricky part, of course, is getting these new members to go from simply placing the TU sticker on their vehicle, to coming to the meetings and seeing what we're up to. Once we get them through the door, I'm confident that they'll eagerly lend a hand.

So we send a warm welcome to all of the new chapter members. We also encourage you to slap that nice TU sticker on your ride, and then hop in and drive over to one of our chapter meetings or events.

I offer a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this growth possible. Keep up the great work in 2011.

Hope to see you soon,

Kevin Correa  
President  
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

### Around the Bend

**March 5-6, 2011**

**Fly Fish NH Show**

Sponsored by Merrimack Valley TU  
Pelham Fish & Game Club  
Details at:  
[www.merrimacktu.org](http://www.merrimacktu.org)

**March 7, 2011**

**Nor'East Chapter Meeting**

Leslie Hilyard talks Rangeley Flies,  
Carrie Stevens, and more.  
Ipswich River Watershed Assn.  
6 p.m. Dinner (\$5 donation)  
7 p.m. Presentation  
(see article)

**March 18-20, 2011**

**LL Bean Fishing Weekend**

LL Bean's Flagship Store  
Freeport, ME  
[www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com)

**April 2, 2011**

**Eldredge Bros. Fly Fishing Expo**

Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop  
Cape Neddick, ME  
[www.eldredgeflyshop.com](http://www.eldredgeflyshop.com)

**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).

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

## February Meeting Recap

Andy Bonzagni had everyone penciling in the dates for Concord Outfitters' next trip out to the San Juan. Nothing better than a slideshow of large trout to help ease the pain of winter.

The chapter thanks Andy not only for speaking at the meeting, but also for the continued support and generosity.

Please visit the Concord Outfitters website for more information on 2011 trips. [www.concordoutfitters.com](http://www.concordoutfitters.com).



Photo courtesy of John LeJeune

## Supporting Other Chapters

Several TU Chapters hold their annual fundraisers in the spring. If you have some free time and can show your support, we encourage you to do so. Just a few listings of upcoming banquets:

### **Great Bay TU Annual Fly Auction Fundraiser**

Monday, March 28th  
[www.greatbaytu.org](http://www.greatbaytu.org)

### **Greater Boston Chapter's Pasta Fest**

Sunday, April 3  
[www.gbtu.org](http://www.gbtu.org)

### **Squan-a-tissit Chapter's Banquet and Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 9  
[www.squanatissit.org](http://www.squanatissit.org)

## March Meeting Preview

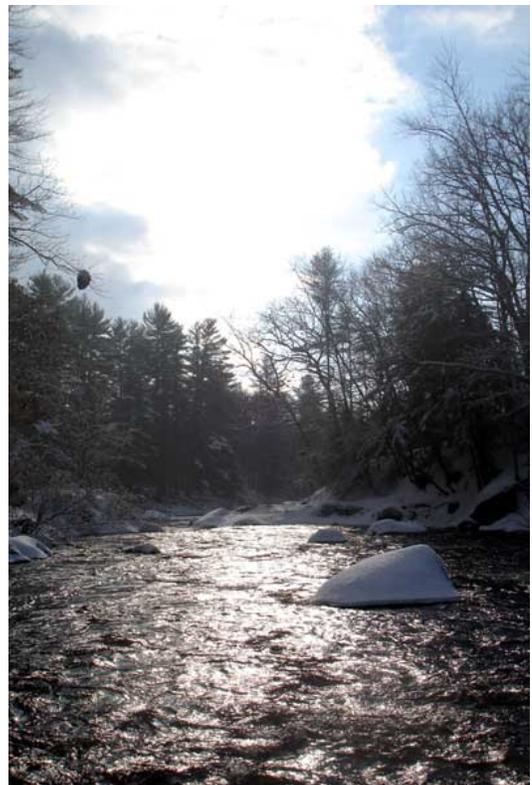
We are happy to host a presentation by Les Hilyard. Les is the author of "Carrie Stevens: Maker of the Rangeley Trout and Salmon Flies". Mrs. Stevens created the Gray Ghost, one of the most popular streamers in the angling world. In addition to demonstrating her tying methods, Les will discuss the era and area that spawned her creations. He'll also have on hand some of her actual streamers.

### **Meeting Details:**

Monday, March 7th  
Ipswich River Watershed Association  
143 County Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938

6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$5)

7:00 p.m. Les Hilyard Presentation



The Lamprey falls under the watch of our friends at Great Bay TU

**Renew Your TU Membership Today at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)**

## Chapter Website to Undergo Renovation for 2011

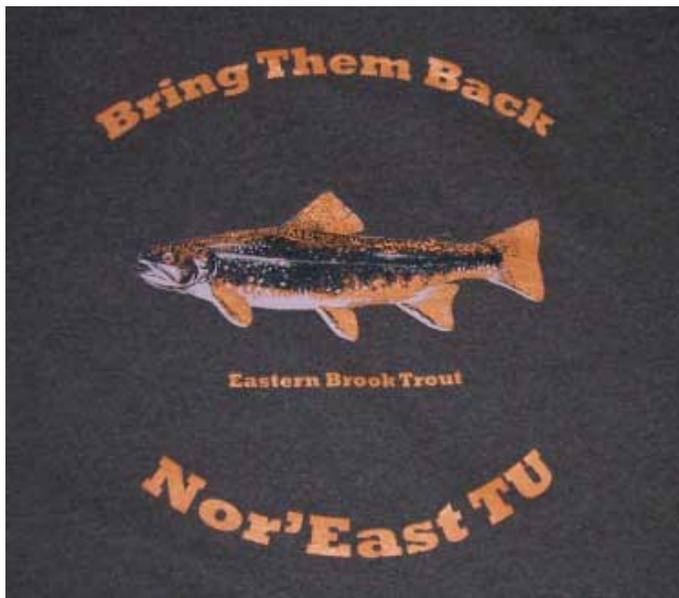
You may have noticed that the chapter's website ([www.tunoreast.org](http://www.tunoreast.org)) has been a bit stagnant lately. We're in the process of changing the website format to make it easier to update and provide more timely information. We should have it up and running again soon.

## Visit the Nor'East Marketplace for Chapter Tees and the Angler's Guide

[www.tunoreast.org](http://www.tunoreast.org)

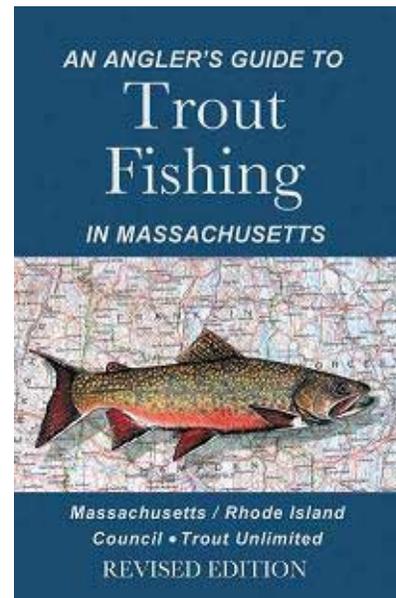
### Chapter Tee Shirts

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.



You can always purchase chapter merchandise at any of our 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!