

Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

April 2011 Newsletter



Roof-rack Changes

Well despite some cool temps and an early April snow, the cars on 95 are definitely carrying more kayaks and canoes than skis these days.

And now that the warmer temps are here, we have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the water.

I'd like to note right up front that we couldn't be happier with the number of new faces we're seeing at meetings. It's exciting to meet so many local anglers who are interested in working toward the betterment of our watersheds.



Whether you're looking to get your hands dirty or just interested in catching some trout, be sure to check out the following pages for details on chapter events that feature both work and play.

I hope to see you at one or all of the events. If you have any questions, or would like to suggest an event, please let us know.

Happy Spring!

Kevin Correa
President
Nor'East Chapter | Trout Unlimited

Around the Bend

April 16, 2011

Work Day at Ipswich River Watershed Association

We're saying Thank You to our friends at IRWA for giving us a home by pitching in and making some improvements to the property. Please lend a hand.

9 a.m.

143 County Road, Ipswich

April 17, 2011

Fly Fishing Film Tour

First Light Anglers is hosting the tour at Chunky's Cinema in Haverhill.

More info at www.firstlightanglers.com

7 p.m. Doors Open

8 p.m. Show Starts

April 30, 2011

Parker River Paddle/Fish/BBQ

Join the chapter for a guided paddle through the Crane Pond stretch of the Parker River. BBQ to follow the paddle and fishing.

9 a.m. Put-in at Thurlow St.

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May 2, 2011

Nor'East Chapter Meeting

Speaker TBA

6 p.m. Dinner (with \$5 donation)

7 p.m. Presentation

Ipswich River Watershed Assn.

143 County Road, Ipswich.

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

Culvert Update

On April 3rd, the chapter's culvert team met in Boxford to survey a couple problem culverts and discuss possible solutions. The team is investigating potential fixes with both the town and TU National.

Stay tuned for further developments.



Photo courtesy of John LeJeune

New Website is Live!

A year ago Tom Schultz gave the Nor'East Chapter a face on the internet. Without that presence, many people might still be wondering if the chapter was active. Now, John LeJeune has revamped the website, giving it even more functionality. As we wanted to get the site up and running as quickly as possible, we still need to tweak things here and there. If you have any suggestions, please let John know by contacting him at jrlejeune@gmail.com.

Thank you Tom and John for all the hard work!

Parker River Fish Counts

The Parker River Clean Water Association is looking for additional volunteers to count fish passing through the ladder at the Central Street dam in Byfield. Counts are fun, easy and can take as little as 10 minutes. When the herring are running, it's quite the sight. To learn more, please contact the Amy Madden, the fish count coordinator, at amymadden185@comcast.net.

Workday at Ipswich River Watershed Association: Saturday, April 16th

This Saturday, April 16th, we will be gathering for a work day at the Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA). IRWA has been instrumental in helping the chapter grow over the past year. In addition to support and guidance, they have provided the chapter with a wonderful meeting place. To show our gratitude for their generosity, we've pledged to help them with a little spring cleaning. I urge anyone who can spare some time on Saturday to pitch in and help us thank IRWA.

Some of the projects that we will tackle include:

- Clearing a foot-trail to the dock
- Installing some railroad tie steps in the trail
- Installing chains/locks on the canoes
- Cleaning the gas grill

If you've never been to the beautiful Riverbend property during the day, this is a great opportunity. I can't over-stress how important our relationship with IRWA is. If you can spare even an hour or two to help, I encourage you to do so. Once we're done with our work, we'll relax with a lunch cooked up by Art Howe.

Fly Fishing Film Tour

First Light Anglers will once again host the Fly Fishing Film Tour at Chunky's Cinema in Haverhill on April 17th at 7pm. Please call or email the shop to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15.00. More info at info@firstlightanglers.com or (978) 948-7004.

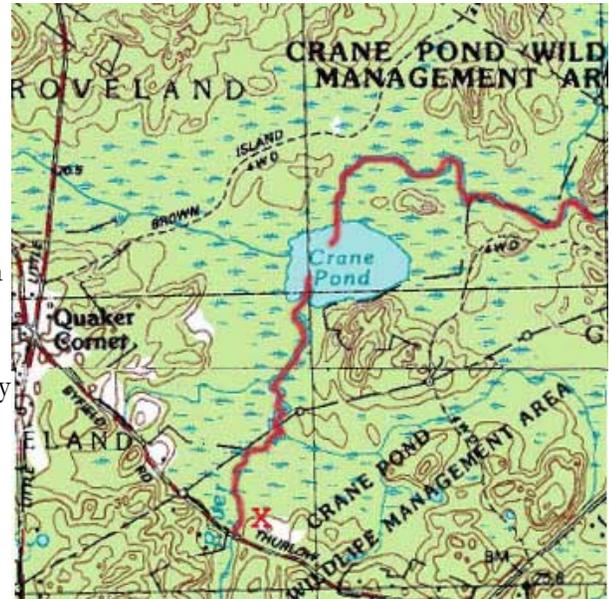
We Want to Hear From You

Have information you'd like to share with the chapter?

Send it to our newsletter editor at newsletter@tunoreast.org.

Parker River Paddle/Fish/Cookout Saturday, April 30th

Join the chapter for a paddle of the Parker River through the Crane Pond Wildlife Management Area. This beautiful stretch of water is home to a vast array of wildlife (including holdover trout, bass and monster pickerel) and is best accessed by canoe or kayak. As we did last year, the plan is to meet at the Thurlow Street bridge (off of North Street in Georgetown) at 9:00 a.m., paddle downstream through Crane Pond to the Hemlocks section of the river, then fish our way back to the bridge at our leisure. Cookout to follow the paddle. There will likely be early season mayflies on the water. Please RSVP to kevin.correa@tunoreast.org if you're interested in attending and indicate if you have access to a canoe or kayak so that we can match boatless participants with those with an extra seat.



John LeJeune and Mike O'Neill

Eastern Mountain Sports Club Days

Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to man the table at EMS at the store's Club Days event. Events like these really help spread the word about the chapter and our goals here on the north shore. Great work!

April Meeting Recap

We again pushed the Ipswich River Watershed Association to capacity with our April Meeting. Hard to tell if it was Mike O'Neill's corned beef and cabbage or Rick Southgate's Estuary Striper presentation that drew the crowd, but both were outstanding.

Thanks for great evening!



Rick Southgate

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Ticks, PFDs and More

We're hearing plenty of reports of tick bites already this season. Do yourself a favor and do a thorough check if you've been out fishing. Also, just because the air temps are warm, don't forget that many of our ponds were still iced over just 2 weeks ago. The water is still very cold. If you're out in a canoe or kayak, WEAR your personal floatation device (PFD). Good swimmer or not, you don't have much time to get out of the water when it's this cold. And if you haven't practiced a self-rescue in your kayak or canoe, do so once the weather gets warmer. It may not be as easy as you think.

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

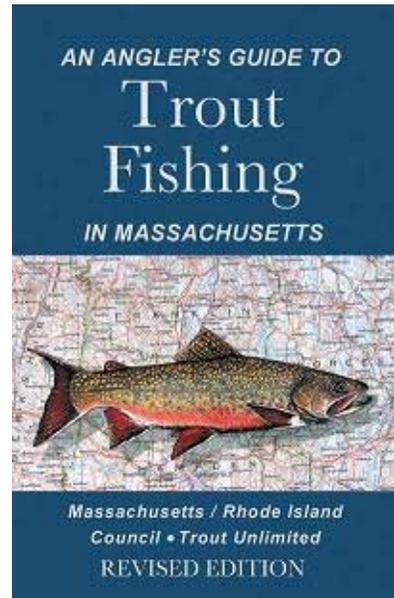
Chapter Tee Shirts

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!